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Analyst: Hospital suit ‘pretty novel’

Hartford HealthCare has expanded across state, sparking anti-competitive claims by St. Francis

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

Over the last decade, Hartford HealthCare has transformed itself, growing into a massive statewide health system employing 33,000 people as it acquired medical practices and hospitals across Connecticut.

It acquired the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain in 2011, Backus Hospital in Norwich in 2013 and Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington in 2018. In 2019, it acquired St. Vincent’s Medical Center in Bridgeport, challenging Yale New Haven Health System in southwest Connecticut. In recent

years Hartford HealthCare also added the Southington Surgery Center, other Hartford and Waterford surgery centers, as well as Middlesex Cardiology and Soundview Medical Associates.

This impressive growth has made Hartford HealthCare a leading health care system in the state. But to St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center — the other major hospital in Hartford — this is monopolistic expansion that could limit consumer choice and drive up prices.

Last week, St. Francis sued Hartford HealthCare in U.S. District Court in New Haven, accusing its larger rival of jeopardizing competition and limiting consumer choice. It’s seeking unspecified damages and an order prohibiting Hartford HealthCare from continuing its acquisitions.

“Hartford HealthCare’s anti-competitive actions were taken not to compete, but specifically to increase its market domi-

nance and ability to charge higher than market rates,” St. Francis claims in its lawsuit. “It seeks to do so, in significant part, by seeking to foreclose the opportunities to compete for patients by other hospitals in Hartford County, including its most significant competitor, St. Francis.”

Consumers could face higher costs. One study cited by Kaiser Family Foundation that analyzed

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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT



Gabriel Cid after a workout a year after his bout with COVID-19. The illness woke him to the need to change his lifestyle, Cid says. **COURTESY**

‘WORST ILLNESS OF MY LIFETIME’

Two years into pandemic, five Connecticut residents tell survival stories

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

Gabriel Cid was in an induced coma for 21 days, suffering through vivid nightmares that remain in his mind almost two years later. Carrie Howe couldn’t think straight and was so sick at one point she feared for her life. Kristina Gregory, after a bout with COVID-19 that felt like “the flu times 45,” found a way to give back.

The ongoing coronavirus pandemic has affected just about everyone in Connecticut, either personally or through the suffering and loss of loved ones, neighbors and co-workers.

As the pandemic approaches the two-year mark, The Courant talked to survivors about their confrontations with the disease, including several people who were infected in the uncertain days when the virus emerged as a global crisis.



Carrie Howe, founder of a grassroots organization named Night Angels and director of the soup kitchen at Center Church in Hartford, says that after being hospitalized for COVID-19, “I felt like my body was made out of glass, that if I fell I was going to shatter.” **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

21 days

In late March/early April of 2020, Gabriel Cid, 47, of Greenwich, began feeling weak and developed fever and chills.

The married father of three adult children went to an urgent care clinic where he was told he likely had COVID-19. A test confirmed the infection.

Cid was home, drinking fluids and

COMING MONDAY

Thousands of Connecticut residents are catching COVID-19. Due to long COVID, some won’t get better anytime soon.

resting on April 12 when his wife noticed his lips were blue. A check at the Greenwich Hospital emergency

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Teen boy dies after fentanyl ingestion

Student at Hartford academy overdosed on drug Thursday

Staff report

The 13-year-old Hartford boy who overdosed Thursday on fentanyl has died, police said late Saturday.

“At approximately 5:35 p.m., the 13-year-old male juvenile succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased,” police said in a release just after 7:30 p.m.

The student, a seventh-grader at the Sport and Medical Sciences Academy school, had remained unresponsive and in “grave condition” after ingesting the drug, which subsequent tests confirmed to be fentanyl, police spokesperson Lt. Aaron Boisvert said Friday.

“Our city grieves for this child lost, for his loved ones, his friends, his teachers and the entire SMSA family,” Mayor Luke Bronin said Saturday night. “We still have much to learn about the circumstances of this tragedy, and about how a child had access to such a shocking quantity of such deadly drugs, and our police

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XL Center measures welcomed by many

Some Huskies fans say they feel safer with vaccine checks

By Eliza Fawcett
Hartford Courant

Lynn Oheron, an emergency room nurse at St. Francis Hospital, has never seen the hospital as overwhelmed with patients and strained by employees out sick as it is now.

“I’ve been an ER nurse for 36 years and I’ve never seen it like this before,” she said.

But on Saturday, she finally had something to look forward to: watching the UConn women work their magic on the court. And when she walked into the XL Center in Hartford and was asked, for the first time, to provide proof of a COVID-19 vaccination or a recent negative test, she was glad of it.

“It makes you feel safe,” Oheron, 61, of Torrington, said of the new rules for fans.

The UConn Athletics policy, which went into effect Saturday for the women’s basket-

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An escape in Simsbury

The Talcott Mountain Collective, a new beer and food venue in Simsbury whose glass façade offers a terrific view of the Heublein Tower, offers ‘an escape from reality.’ **SUNDAY CT, PAGE 1**

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ball game against the Xavier Musketeers, requires all spectators at home games who are at least 12 years old to present digital or print proof of full COVID-19 vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test obtained within the last 72 hours. Negative PCR and rapid test results are accepted, but not at-home test results. Full vaccination is defined as two weeks past a second dose of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine such as Pfizer or Moderna, or two weeks past a single-dose vaccine such as Johnson & Johnson.

UConn announced the mitigation measures earlier this month in response a surge of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations across the state, driven by the highly-contagious omicron variant.

Before each security checkpoint at the XL Center — Connecticut’s largest sports and live entertainment venue — staffers checked vaccination cards and documentation of negative tests against identification cards.

“Licenses out, vax cards!” Cat Zuppani, UConn assistant athletic director of athletics administration, reminded attendees entering the venue.

Lines moved quickly, and Zuppani said the process



XL Center Guest Services employee Willie Mann checks the ID and COVID-19 vaccination card of a fan before the UConn women’s basketball game against Xavier at the XL Center on Saturday. It was the first time UConn required proof of vaccination or a recent negative COVID-19 test for admission to the game. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

had been “super smooth,” with no one turned away for lack of proof.

Many Huskies fans said they welcomed the extra layer of protection at a time when COVID-19 transmission in Connecticut remains elevated.

“Because the pandemic is clearly not going away, anything we can do to encourage and require

people who have not been vaccinated to do so is a good thing,” said Lauren Williams, 62, of North Haven. “If you love the Huskies and you can’t come see them because you’re not vaccinated, get on the train.”

Griffin Health, which has run vaccination clinics across the state, offered free vaccinations at a booth just inside the entrance to

the XL Center. Staffers said they had administered half a dozen doses by 11 a.m. — mostly booster shots.

Gov. Ned Lamont rolled out a digital vaccine card program at the end of last year for voluntary use by businesses and venues. Lamont has long resisted mandating proof of vaccination, as New York City requires for indoor dining and other venues. But

since last summer, Connecticut’s largest indoor theaters have required audience members to show proof of a COVID-19 vaccination and to wear masks.

Last fall, despite a UConn policy requiring spectators at least 2 years old to wear masks unless they are eating or drinking, widespread non-masking at a UConn basketball game

at the XL Center drew Lamont’s attention, though he declined to institute a statewide mask mandate.

“Not everyone was wearing a mask, to put it mildly,” he said at the time. “So I can pass a lot of laws and mandates and restrictions, but they’re only effective when people follow it.”

On Saturday, the vast majority of fans wore masks as they entered the venue and appeared to keep them on throughout the game.

As she emerged from the security checkpoint with her four children, Nicole Ciriello, 41, said her family of devoted Huskies fans would do whatever they had to do to keep attending games.

“It’s a good thing,” Ciriello, of Plainville, said of the new policy. “There’s a lot of people here, and we just want to be safe.”

Oheron, the ER nurse, said she hopes to see other businesses and venues in Connecticut require proof of vaccination or a negative test, in order to slow transmission of the virus.

“I’m all for it. I’ve lived it. I’ve seen it,” she said of COVID-19. “I’ve never seen so much sadness in my life. Especially in the first wave, the number of people I’ve seen die alone in the ER. ... So whatever you can do to stay safe, it’s worth it.”

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Overdose

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(department) will continue their investigation and seek to hold accountable the adults who ultimately are responsible for this child’s death.

“In the meantime, our prayers are with everyone touched by this loss, and we will do everything we can to support the SMSA community.”

The teen has not been identified publicly because of his age.

The case “remains a very active investigation,” Boisvert said Saturday.

Two other seventh-graders were believed to be exposed to the drug and were also transported to the hospital, officials said. Both were released to their parents Thursday night, Boisvert has said.

It is believed that the three juveniles came into contact with the fentanyl at the same time, according to Boisvert.

The bags of the drug were collected by the federal Drug Enforcement Agency

and tested at their lab, Boisvert has said. The drug was found to be fentanyl, which confirmed earlier on-scene tests.

According to Boisvert, the bags only contained fentanyl in powder form, and not other drugs. Drugs such as cocaine and heroin are sometimes cut with fentanyl because it is extremely potent, and cheaper to manufacture and purchase.

The fentanyl was “packaged in what you would see in street-level sales,” Boisvert said. The bags were also

stamped with several identifying logos, he said.

In a separate release late Friday, city police had said fentanyl that is about 50 times more potent than “what has regularly been found and tested” in the region has been recovered in Hartford.

The report of the recovery of the powerful drug and its potency came as the city investigated the overdose case and subsequent discovery of nearly 40 bags of fentanyl stashed in multiple locations within the school.

Boisvert did not say in the Friday email whether the recovered fentanyl he was referring to as “more potent” was the substance found at the school or connected to that case but said that “this particular recovered fentanyl was forensically tested and found to be approximately 50 times more potent than what has regularly been found and tested in New England regions.” He said later he could not comment on the location where the fentanyl was found.

“The strength and

potency of this product can be deadly to anyone coming in contact with it, including absorption through the skin,” Boisvert said in the Friday email.

The academy, located at 280 Huyshope Ave., is a college preparatory magnet school for students in grades six through 12 who are interested in sports and medical sciences.

The school includes students from several towns in and around the Hartford area. The student who overdosed is from Hartford, Boisvert said.

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Saturday, Jan. 15

PLAY3 DAY

8 3 9 WB: 0

PLAY4 DAY

8 7 7 7 WB: 7

The late numbers were not drawn in time for this edition. For results, please visit courant.com/lottery.

FRIDAY’S LATE NUMBERS

PLAY3 NIGHT

6 2 5 WB: 2

PLAY4 NIGHT

1 0 7 7 WB: 2

CASH5

9 11 15 19 25

LUCKY FOR LIFE

2 12 14 36 40 LB: 3

LOTTO

7 12 13 23 29 43

Zero first-prize ticket(s) sold.

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5 8 13 22 48 MB: 25 MP: 2

Tuesday’s est. Lotto jackpot: \$1 million

Tuesday’s est. Mega Millions jackpot: \$347 million



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room showed his oxygen level was alarmingly low.

Admitted to the hospital, Cid was positioned on his stomach for 16 hours to help clear his lungs, but he was not getting better. He was then put into an induced coma on a ventilator for three weeks.

“Right before I was ventilated,” Cid wrote in an Instagram post on the one-year anniversary of his hospitalization, “Nurse Ellen asked if I wanted to Zoom with my family. I did not want my family’s last memory of me to be of a crying, scared sick man. She instead asked if I wanted to pray. She held my hand as we said the Our Father. I have never felt that level of fear in my life.”

All he remembers from those days are grim dreams, including a nightmare about the death of his mother, who is still alive.

“For some reason, they were so vivid and so dark they were kind of burned into my brain,” Cid said.

Cid spent a total of 40 days in the hospital. Upon release, he was unable to walk or swallow and spent another week at an inpatient rehabilitation center in Stamford.

Before COVID-19 hit him, he was overweight and not eating right. The infection woke him, Cid said, to the need to change all that.

On the one-year anniversaries of entering and leaving the hospital, he ran 5K races and remains committed to a workout regimen six days every week.

“COVID saved my life,” Cid said.

He also remains forever grateful to the doctors, nurses and other health care workers who helped bring him through those dark days and has helped raise money for Greenwich Hospital.

‘Felt like I was going to die’

Carrie Howe, 39, was suffering from body aches, nausea and chronic coughing when she tested positive for the coronavirus in early December 2021.

Two days later, the manager of a Hartford soup kitchen fainted in her home after getting out of the shower. Howe was taken by ambulance to Manchester Memorial Hospital, where she stayed for four days on a regimen of medications that included Remdesivir.

She was home for 1 ½ days when another wave of illness slammed her.



Paul Cichon, who directs the Ring of Champions Society boxing gym in Manchester, fell ill with COVID-19 in April 2020 and says he would lose his breath while trying to take a shower and couldn’t walk down his driveway to get his mail. “It was scary” he said. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

“I just felt like I was going to die, like I knew I was going to die,” she said.

Again she was rushed to the hospital. This time, doctors discovered blood clots in her lungs. Doctors told her they were not sure when the clots developed or if they were related to COVID-19, but in a way, Howe said, the virus saved her life because the dangerous embolisms were diagnosed.

Another notable effect of her long illness, Howe said, was brain fog. She would have food in her mouth for five minutes and forget to swallow. Finishing a 100-piece puzzle took six hours.

Her advice for anyone who gets COVID-19: drink a lot of water and get up and get moving, even if you have to drag yourself out of bed.

“The more you lie down, the more it takes over you,” Howe said.

COVID, ‘diet COVID’

Kristina Gregory, 53, of Darien, fell sick on March 15, 2020, when the world was just waking to the severity of the virus.

The married mother of two boys went to Stamford Hospital emergency room, where she was tested for COVID-19. Test results, however, would not be available for 11 days, and in the interim, Gregory had to tell people she had been in contact with that she had no defi-



Kristina Gregory was determined to be part of the solution and has donated plasma five times. **COURTESY**

nite answers.

She was bedridden for about two weeks and lost her sense of taste and smell.

“Everything tasted like drywall,” Gregory said, but then again, “I could cut onions all day long.”

She had kept in shape before the illness, and a doctor friend told her to avoid the hospital unless she had severe breathing problems.

Her husband and two sons tended to her while keeping their distance, Gregory said, and none of them caught the virus at that time. All three tested positive recently, but they were vaccinated and had no severe symptoms, Gregory said.



Like thousands of others, Bernie Hallums couldn’t get a PCR test. “I didn’t feel well enough to keep driving around the state,” he says. **COURTESY**

“I call it ‘diet COVID,’” she said.

After she recovered, Gregory, an insurance broker, said she donated plasma five times.

“This is the worst illness of my lifetime,” she said. “I was determined to be part of the solution.”

‘You can only listen to so much music’

Bernie Hallums, 58, a retired Manchester police officer, was infected in the first week of December. His symptoms included chills,

muscle aches, extreme fatigue and congestion.

Like others throughout Connecticut, Hallums said his search for an available PCR test was futile.

“I didn’t feel well enough to keep driving around the state,” he said. A home test was positive for the virus, and Hallums stayed in his house. Friends checked in and dropped off food. Congestion in his head was bad, and fatigue and boredom took over.

“You can only listen to so much music. You can only watch so much television,” he said.

Recovery has been arduous, Hallums said. He works out and said, “It’s been hard getting that endurance back.”

A long sleep

Paul Cichon, 63, of South Windsor, is a burly boxing coach, a former truck driving instructor and director of the Manchester Ring of Champions Society gym.

The virus hit him like a hammer in April 2020. Cichon lost his appetite and felt drained. Just getting dressed took 20 minutes, and he had to lean against the wall half-way through a shower. He could take only shallow breaths, Cichon recalled.

His daily routine was to come downstairs from bed and sprawl in a recliner, sleeping for two-thirds of the day. Cichon said he was scared to go to the hospital “because I was afraid I wouldn’t come out.” News reports of the dead being stacked in refrigerated trailers drove his choice, he said.

“I wasn’t going in there,” Cichon said. “If I’m going to die, I’m going to die right here with my girlfriend.”

His dreams, he recalled, were super-realistic, a quality that has not returned with recovery. Cichon said he would dream of a childhood friend who had died months before and remember it just as if the man in the flesh had visited.

His girlfriend had been infected at the same time, Cichon said. Her sons would leave food on the doorstep and then run like the house was full of lepers, he said, laughing.

After about three weeks, the former East Hartford public works crewman had lost 30 pounds.

“It hit me hard,” he said.

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Lawsuit

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highly concentrated hospital markets in California found that an increase in the share of physicians in practices owned by a hospital was associated with a 12% increase in premiums for private plans.

Another study that used private insurer data found an increase in physician-hospital integration was associated with an average price increase of 14% for the same service.

Frances Padilla, president of the Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut, an advocacy group, said Hartford HealthCare is “particularly aggressive” in broadening market share through acquisitions and can raise prices as it reduces competition. Cardiac and orthopedic surgeries — knee and hip replacements, for example — are particularly high-margin practices, she said.

Access, too, is affected as Hartford HealthCare frequently requires patients in eastern Connecticut to seek service in Hartford, Padilla said.

Recruiting the ‘greatest experts’

Jeffrey Flaks, chief executive officer of Hartford HealthCare, said the lawsuit is “without merit, and we will defend against this legal action in the courts. That will be the proper place to respond.”

Hartford HealthCare is improving access and affordability and recruits the “greatest experts to be our colleagues,” he said in a message to Hartford HealthCare employees.

‘Market share’

Spencer Perlman, managing partner and director of health care research at Veda Partners in Washington, D.C., said a health care anti-competitive lawsuit “seems pretty novel” even as hospitals snap up physician practices in what he said is a common practice to drive up revenue with patient referrals.

Hospitals “battle for market share all the time, and it can definitely get ugly,” he said.

He cited a recently settled eight-year battle between the University



A new Hartford HealthCare building under construction on South Main Street in West Hartford. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

of Pittsburgh Medical Center and Highmark, a health care company, over accusations Highmark steered thousands of patients to its network.

Another lucrative reason to acquire physician practices is to take advantage of higher Medicare reimbursements available to “satellite outpatient” departments, he said. Previously physician practices, they are now rebranded to capture more government money, Perlman said.

However, administrative and legislative changes are bringing Medicare reimbursement at hospital outpatient departments in line with what’s paid at physicians’ offices, Perlman said.

Siphoning off physicians to a dominant health care network that often has “brand recognition” also is successful as it attracts more patients, he said.

Ted Doolittle, Connecticut’s health care advocate, said hospitals infrequently sue each other, making the St. Francis lawsuit surprising. But the issue of industry acquisitions is not new.

“Both competitors and people are getting gobbled up,” he said.

In its lawsuit, St. Francis Hospital says Hartford HealthCare brought in two dozen surgeons and specialists in hematology, oncology, cardiology and neurology over the last four years. Another nine specialists and primary care physicians have been recruited to work exclusively in a Hartford HealthCare physician hospital network, it says.

St. Francis says Hartford HealthCare has acquired the practices of more than 50 physicians, established control over doctor referrals and insists on exclusive access to medical equipment.

“These actions do not involve competition to attract patients based on price and quality,” St. Francis said in the suit. “Instead, they prevent such competition, by controlling large numbers of physicians and effectively locking up referrals of their patients.”

Monopoly claim

In its lawsuit, St. Francis accuses Hartford HealthCare of bullying physician practices to establish a monopoly. In one case, it told physicians that if they balked at joining its health care system it

would “crush” them, St. Francis claims. And it accused Hartford HealthCare of increasing its market share as it reduced volume at Bristol Hospital.

A spokesman said Bristol Hospital is not a party to the lawsuit and will not comment.

Lisa Freeman, executive director of the Connecticut Center for Patient Safety, a nonprofit group that speaks for patients, said the merits of the lawsuit have yet to be decided and no one knows “whose truth bears out.”

Still, a concern is that health care is “turning into business decisions,” she said. Surveys show that trust is a key consideration among patients, and her advice is to check physician referrals.

With 33,000 employees and operating revenue of \$4.9 billion, Hartford HealthCare dwarfs Trinity Health of New England, the parent company of St. Francis and four other hospitals in Connecticut and Massachusetts. Trinity posted revenue of about \$2 billion and employs about 11,000 workers.

Hartford HealthCare also outstrips Yale New Haven Health, another dominant hospital system

in the state. It includes Bridgeport Hospital, Greenwich Hospital, Lawrence + Memorial Hospital in New London, Yale New Haven Hospital, Westerly Hospital in Rhode Island and a physician foundation.

Yale New Haven Health posted revenue of \$4.6 billion and employs more than 26,000 workers and 6,685 medical staff.

State to conduct study

Legislation enacted last year by the General Assembly and Gov. Ned Lamont directs the Office of Health Strategy to study ways to improve oversight and regulation of physician practice mergers and acquisitions.

The study, included in broader legislation related to hospital billing and collections, will review laws, regulations and transactions of physician practices. The study, which must be completed by Feb. 1, 2023, will look at ways to ensure the viability of physician practices and develop legislative recommendations to improve reporting and oversight of physician practice mergers and acquisitions.

State Rep. Jonathan Steinberg, House chairman of the public health committee, said lawmakers responded to a trend that private equity firms are acquiring physician practices. “As with other industries, it’s often about cost-cutting and not about delivering quality service,” he said.

Steinberg, a Westport Democrat, said the acquisitions of physician groups is “hardly a new phenomenon.” Research published in February 2020 by the Journal of the American Medical Association said physician practice acquisitions by private equity firms increased to 136 in 2016, up from 59 in 2013.

Questions now focus on whether the change in ownership of physician practices has reached a tipping point, is anti-competitive and where government fits in when interfering in market forces, Steinberg said.

The trend, he said is “in some ways a natural outgrowth of what we’re doing in managed care.”

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Some test GOP's loyalty to Trump

A few Republicans are growing weary of his election lies

By Jill Colvin
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former President Donald Trump is stepping up his election-year effort to dominate the Republican Party with a Saturday rally in Arizona in which he planned to castigate anyone who dares to question his lie that the 2020 presidential election was stolen, likely including the state's GOP governor, Doug Ducey.

But 2,000 miles to the east in Washington, there are small signs that some Republicans are tiring of the charade. Mike Rounds, the generally unassuming senator from South Dakota, was perhaps the boldest in acknowledging the reality that the election was in fact fair. Instead of being shunned, he was supported by his GOP colleagues, including Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell. Rounds later said the party needed to get "louder" in telling voters the truth about the 2020 campaign.

Meanwhile, top Republicans in Washington have engaged in a behind-the-scenes effort to encourage Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, one of Trump's most vocal antagonists in the party, to run for a Senate seat. And on Saturday, Glenn Youngkin became the first Republican since 2010 to be sworn in as Virginia's governor after running a campaign that kept Trump at arm's length.

Less than two months before the 2022 primary season begins, Trump remains the most popu-



Glenn Youngkin, who ran a Republican gubernatorial campaign that kept former President Donald Trump at arm's length, is inaugurated as Virginia's governor Saturday in a ceremony in Richmond, Virginia. JULIO CORTEZ/AP

lar figure among the voters who will decide which Republicans advance to the fall general election. But the recent dynamics bring new clarity to the debate that will likely animate the GOP all year: how closely GOP candidates should align themselves with Trump and his election lie.

"I was very encouraged by the response from a number of different senators supportive of Sen. Rounds," said former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, who has been a rare Republican urging the party to move on from Trump and his election obsession.

There is no evidence to

support Trump's claims that the election was stolen. Elections officials and his own attorney general rejected the notion. Trump's arguments have also been roundly rejected by the courts, including judges appointed by the former president.

Still, dissent from Trump's election lie within the GOP remains rare. From Ohio to Georgia and Arizona, candidates running for Senate, governor and attorney general have fully embraced Trump's falsehoods as they have tried to win his endorsement, deflect his fury or win over his base.

In the short term, such

positioning may help Republican candidates come out on top in primary fields that are often crowded. But there are concerns that it could hurt the party in the fall, especially among suburban voters who have become increasingly decisive in recent campaigns. The further to the right that Republicans go now, the easier it could become for their Democratic rivals to portray them as extreme in a general election.

And any time candidates spend looking backward is time not spent attacking President Joe Biden, who is seen as particularly vulnerable due to rising inflation

and coronavirus cases.

"It's one of those issues that's quintessentially popular in a primary and unpopular in a general," said Chris DeRose, a Republican attorney and former clerk of the superior court in Arizona's Maricopa County.

He said candidates, who often privately acknowledge the election was fair, were clearly courting the former president by expressing skepticism about the 2020 election.

"Donald Trump's obviously the most sought-after endorsement among Republican candidates," he said. "That can make all the difference in a Republican

primary."

The risk, however, is clear in Arizona's Senate race. In a year favoring Republicans, the state should be a relatively attainable pickup and some in the party are eager for Ducey to enter the race against Democratic incumbent Mark Kelly. But Trump's repeated attacks on Ducey, who has refused to back election conspiracies, could make it hard for him to succeed in a GOP primary.

Trump issued a statement that he would never endorse Ducey.

Whichever Republicans emerge on top in Arizona and other critical races will have to convince voters that they should participate in an election system Trump has spent years deriding as rigged.

Many Republicans still blame Trump for the party's loss of Georgia's two Senate runoff elections in 2021, arguing he depressed turnout by insisting the election would be rigged, denying them control of the Senate.

"Trump still has this outsized voice and influence and too many candidates fear his wrath," said Charlie Dent, a former Republican congressman from Pennsylvania and Trump critic. "So these candidates are put in a bind: If they tell the truth, they run the risk of losing their primaries and incurring the wrath of Trump, and if they acquiesce and go along with this nonsense, they run the risk of alienating a lot of voters."

Others disagreed. Barbara Comstock, a Trump critic and former GOP congresswoman from Virginia, warned Republicans risked nominating fringe candidates who would go on to lose in the general.

Volcano erupts in Pacific and tsunami fears follow

Residents in Alaska, Hawaii and along the US coast warned

By Nick Perry
Associated Press

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — An undersea volcano erupted in spectacular fashion Saturday near the Pacific nation of Tonga, sending tsunami waves crashing across the shore and people rushing to higher ground.

The eruption cut the internet to Tonga, leaving friends and family members around the world on Sunday still anxiously trying to get in touch to figure out if there were any injuries and the extent of the damage. Even government websites and other official sources remained without any updates.

Satellite images showed a huge eruption, with a plume of ash, steam and gas rising like a mushroom above the blue Pacific waters. A sonic boom could be heard as far away as Alaska.

Tsunami advisories were issued for Hawaii, Alaska and the U.S. Pacific coast. The U.S. Geological Survey estimated the eruption caused the equivalent of magnitude 5.8 earthquake.

Scientists said tsunamis generated by volcanoes rather than earthquakes are relatively rare.

The Tonga Meteorological Services said a tsunami warning was declared for all of the archipelago, and data from the Pacific tsunami center said waves of 2.7 feet were detected.

Rachel Afeaki-Taumoepeau, who chairs the New Zealand Tonga Business Council, said she hoped the relatively low level of the tsunami waves would have allowed most people to get to safety, although she worried about those living on islands closest to the volcano. She said she hadn't yet been able to contact her friends and family in Tonga.

"We are praying that the damage is just to infrastructure and people were able to get to higher land," she said.

Tonga gets its internet via an undersea cable from Suva, Fiji, which presumably was damaged. All internet connectivity with Tonga was lost about 6:40 p.m. local time, said Doug Madory, director of internet analysis for the network intelligence firm Kentik.

The Fiji-based Islands Business news site reported that a convoy of police and military troops evacuated Tonga's King Tupou VI from

his palace near the shore. He was among the many residents who headed for higher ground.

On Tonga, home to about 105,000 people, video posted to social media showed large waves washing ashore in coastal areas, swirling around homes, a church and other buildings.

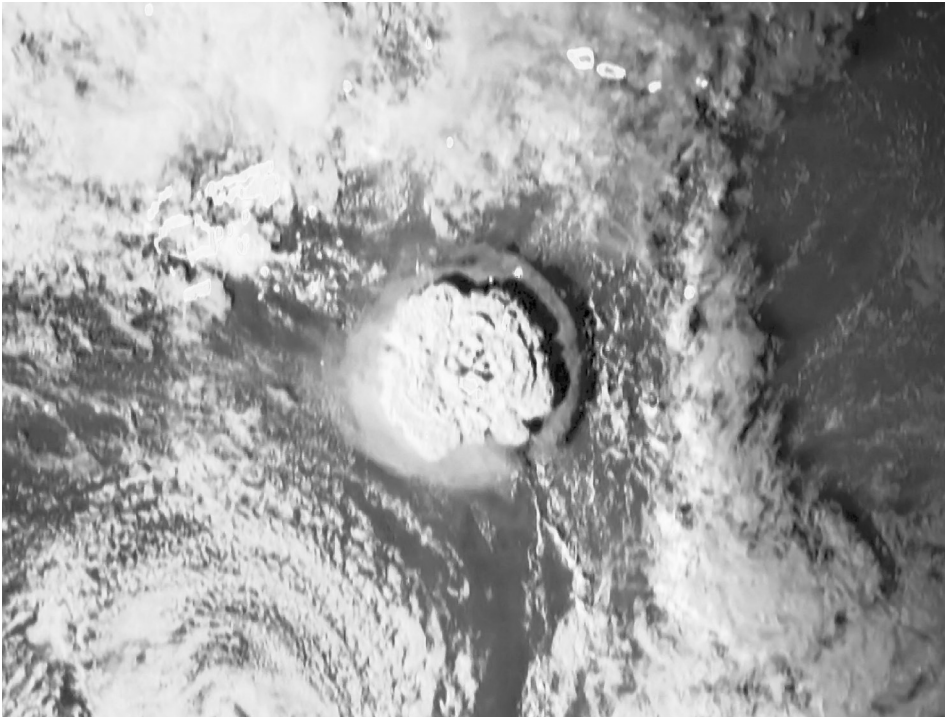
New Zealand's military said it was monitoring the situation and remained on standby, ready to assist if asked.

In Hawaii, the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center reported waves that measured 1.6 feet in Nawiiliwi, Kauai and 2.7 feet in Hanalei. The National Weather Service said there were reports of boats getting pushed up in docks, but the hazard diminished as the morning went on.

"We are relieved that there is no reported damage and only minor flooding throughout the islands," the tsunami center said, describing the situation in Hawaii. The tsunami advisory for the islands was lifted about 11 hours after the eruption more than 3,000 miles away.

In Tonga, a Twitter user identified as Dr. Faka'iloatonga Taumoe'olau posted video showing waves crashing ashore.

"Can literally hear the



A screen grab from a satellite Saturday shows the volcanic eruption that provoked a tsunami in Tonga. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS (JAPAN)

volcano eruption, sounds pretty violent," he wrote, adding in a later post: "Raining ash and tiny pebbles, darkness blanketing the sky."

The explosion of the Hunga Tonga Hunga Ha'apai volcano was the latest in a series of dramatic eruptions.

Earth imaging company Planet Labs PBC had watched the island in recent days after a new volcanic vent there began erupting in late December.

Satellite images captured by the company show how drastically the volcano had shaped the area, creating a

growing island off Tonga.

"The surface area of the island appears to have expanded by nearly 45% due to ashfall," Planet Labs said days before the latest activity.

Following Saturday's eruption, residents in Hawaii, Alaska and along the U.S. Pacific coast were advised to move away from the coastline to higher ground and to pay attention to specific instructions from their local emergency management officials, said Dave Snider, tsunami warning coordinator for the National Tsunami Warning Center in Palmer, Alaska.

"We don't issue an advisory for this length of coastline as we've done — I'm not sure when the last time was — but it really isn't an everyday experience," Snider said.

He said the waves slamming ashore in Hawaii were just under the criteria for a more serious tsunami warning.

The first waves to hit the continental U.S. measured about 1 foot in Nikolski, Alaska, and 1.9 feet in Adak, Alaska. A wave of about 2.6 feet was observed in Monterey, California, according to the U.S. National Tsunami Warning Center.



Bonny Obutu shovels snow Saturday in West Des Moines, Iowa. BRYON HOULGRAVE/DES MOINES REGISTER

Southeast braces for major winter storm

By Sudhin Thanawala
and Jeffrey Collins
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Forecasts of snow and ice as far south as Georgia have put a big part of the Southeast on an emergency preparedness footing as shoppers scoured store shelves for storm supplies and crews raced to treat highways and roads as a major winter storm approached from the Midwest.

In Virginia, where a

blizzard left thousands of motorists trapped on clogged highways earlier this month, outgoing Gov. Ralph Northam declared a state of emergency and urged people to take the approaching storm seriously. In North Carolina, some store shelves were stripped bare of essentials including bread and milk.

By Friday, the fast-moving storm had already dropped heavy snow across a large swath of the Midwest, where travel conditions

deteriorated and scores of schools closed or moved to online instruction. Iowa was hit the hardest. Brad Small, a National Weather Service meteorologist, said the airport in Des Moines saw more than 14 inches of snow and a big swath of the central and southern Iowa recorded between 9 inches and a foot of snow.

The Iowa State Patrol had reported that 207 motorists were assisted and 78 crashes had occurred in the four hours between 5 p.m. and 9

p.m. Friday, according to the Des Moines Register.

And in Chicago, the streets and sanitation department was on Saturday morning equipping more than 200 trucks with snow plow blades to keep the streets passable during and after the expected storm.

Parts of Tennessee could get as much as 6 inches of snow, forecasters said, and northern Mississippi and the Tennessee Valley region of Alabama could receive light snow accumulations.

WORLD & NATION

NEWS BRIEFING

Taliban leadership pledges that all girls will be in school soon

From news services

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghanistan's new Taliban rulers say they hope to be able to open all schools for girls across the country after late March, their spokesman told The Associated Press on Saturday, offering the first timeline for addressing a key demand of the international community.

Since the Taliban takeover in mid-August, girls in most of Afghanistan have not been allowed back to school beyond grade 7. The international community, reluctant to formally recognize a Taliban-run administration, is wary they could impose similar harsh measures as during their previous rule 20 years ago. At the time, women were banned from education, work and public life.

Zabihullah Mujahid, who is also the Taliban's deputy minister of culture and information, said their education departments are looking to open classrooms for all girls and women following the Afghan New Year, which starts on March 21. Afghanistan, like neighboring Iran, observes the Islamic solar Hijri Shamsi calendar.

Education for girls and women "is a question of capacity," Mujahid said in the interview.

Girls and boys must be completely segregated in schools, he said, adding that the biggest obstacle so far has been finding or building enough dorms, or hostels, where girls could stay while going to school. In heavily populated areas, it is not enough to have separate classrooms for boys and girls — separate school buildings are needed, he said.

"We are not against education," Mujahid said, speaking at a Kabul office building with marble floors

that once housed Afghan attorney general's offices and which the Taliban have adopted for their culture and information ministry.

The Taliban's dictates so far have been erratic, varying from province to province. Girls have not been allowed back to classrooms in state-run schools beyond grade 7, except in about 10 of the country's 34 provinces. In the capital, Kabul, private universities and high schools have continued to operate uninterrupted. Most are small, and the classes have always been segregated.

The international community has been skeptical of Taliban announcements, saying it will judge them by their actions — even as it scrambles to provide billions of dollars to avert a humanitarian catastrophe that the U.N. chief this week warned could endanger the lives of millions.

Jersey fire: A dramatic fire near a chemical plant burned through the night and into Saturday in northern New Jersey but led to no evacuation orders or serious injuries — just heavy smoke that was seen and smelled in nearby New York City.

The fire at Majestic Industries and the Qualco chemical plant in Passaic was in buildings housing plastics, pallets and chlorine, officials said, but catastrophe was averted.

Crews battled pockets of the blaze into the afternoon, Passaic Mayor Hector Lora said, but it was contained.

The fire was prevented from reaching the main chemical plant, which could have endangered the densely populated New York City suburbs of New Jersey, Lora said.

Nearby residents were advised to close their windows but were not



Poultry vendor Irma Sanchez waits for customers in her stall Saturday at a central market in Lima, Peru. Inflation will continue to be a regional headache coupled with a lack of investment, according to a recent forecast offered by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. **MARTIN MEJIA/AP**

required to evacuate, with officials saying air quality remained acceptable and would be monitored.

Greece protests: A protest march by 1,500 far-left activists in the northern Greek city of Thessaloniki turned violent Saturday toward its end when some protesters threw firebombs and rocks at riot police, who responded with stun grenades and tear gas.

Police prevented the marchers from reaching their intended destination, the campus of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. Thirty people were detained, of whom 27 will face charges, police said.

The march was the culmination of a week of protests over the New Year's Eve eviction of activists who had occupied a room at the university's biology department for 34 years.

Prince estate: The six-year legal battle over pop superstar Prince's estate has

ended, and the process of distributing the artist's wealth could begin next month.

The Minneapolis Star Tribune reports that the Internal Revenue Service and the estate's administrator, Comerica Bank & Trust, agreed to value Prince's estate at \$156.4 million, a figure that the artist's heirs have also accepted.

The valuation dwarfs Comerica's earlier \$82.3 million appraisal.

The IRS in 2020 had valued the estate at \$163.2 million.

Prince, who died of a fentanyl overdose in 2016, did not leave a will.

Since then, lawyers and consultants have been paid tens of millions of dollars to administer his estate and come up with a plan for its distribution.

Two of Prince's six sibling heirs, Alfred Jackson and John R. Nelson, have since died. Two others are in their 80s.

The estate will be almost

evenly divided between a well-funded New York music company — Primary Wave — and the three oldest of the music icon's six heirs or their families.

Haiti president's assassination: Haiti's National Police said Saturday that a former senator sought in the killing of President Jovenel Moise has been arrested in Jamaica.

Police spokesman Gary Desrosiers told The Associated Press that John Joel Joseph was in custody. No further information was immediately available.

Meanwhile, Jamaica Police Superintendent Stephanie Lindsay told the AP that other people were arrested along with Joseph and that authorities were trying to determine whether they are family members.

She said they were arrested before dawn Saturday and declined to share other details.

Migrant caravan: Some 600

migrants hoping to reach the United States set off in a caravan Saturday from the northern Honduran city of San Pedro Sula.

Hundreds of young men, women and children, most from Nicaragua, Honduras and Cuba, had gathered overnight and early morning at the city's central bus station.

Shortly after dawn, they set out walking toward the Guatemalan border in hopes that traveling in a group would be safer or cheaper than trying to hire smugglers or trying on their own. A smaller second group soon joined.

Large numbers of migrants, many from Central America and Haiti, have reached the U.S. border over the past year.

The U.S. Border Patrol has said it had more than 1.6 million encounters with migrants along the Mexican border between September 2020 and the same month in 2021 — more than four times the previous fiscal year.

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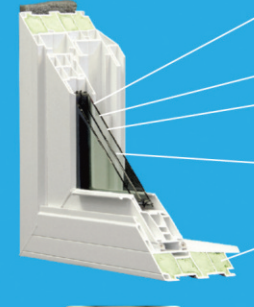
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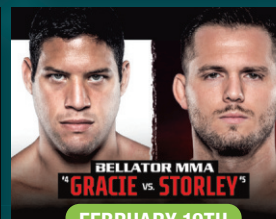
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WORLD & NATION

Afghan girls able to live like boys

Tradition provides freedom not usually given to that gender

By Mstyslav Chernov and Elena Becatoros Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — In a Kabul neighborhood, a gaggle of boys kicks a yellow ball around a dusty playground, their boisterous cries echoing off the surrounding apartment buildings.

Dressed in sweaters and jeans or the traditional Afghan male clothing of baggy pants and long shirt, none stand out as they jostle to score a goal.

But one is different from the others.

At not quite 8 years old, Sanam is a bacha posh: a girl living as a boy. One day a few months ago, the girl with rosy cheeks and an impish smile had her dark hair cut short, donned boys' clothes and took on a boy's name, Omid. The move opened up a boy's world: playing soccer and cricket with boys, wrestling with the neighborhood butcher's son, working to help the family make ends meet.

In Afghanistan's heavily patriarchal, male-dominated society, where women and girls are usually relegated to the home, bacha posh, Dari for "dressed as a boy," is the one tradition allowing girls access to the freer male world.

Under the practice, a girl dresses, behaves and is treated as a boy, with all the freedoms and obligations that entails. The child can play sports, attend a madrassa, or religious school, and, sometimes crucially for the family, work.

But there is a time limit: Once a bacha posh reaches puberty, she is expected to revert to traditional girls' gender roles. The transition is not always easy.

It is unclear how the practice is viewed by Afghan-



Sanam, a bacha posh, or a girl living as a boy, center, sits among Afghan boys at a mosque in Kabul. MSTYSLAV CHERNOV/AP 2021

istan's new rulers, the Taliban, who seized power in August and have made no public statements on the issue.

Their rule so far has been less draconian than the last time they were in power in the 1990s, but women's freedoms have still been severely curtailed. Thousands of women have been barred from working, and girls beyond elementary school age have not been able to return to public schools in most places.

With a crackdown on women's rights, the bacha posh tradition could become even more attractive for some families. And as the practice is temporary, with the children eventually reverting to female roles, the Taliban might not deal with the issue at all, said Thomas Barfield, a professor of anthropology at Boston

University who has written several books on Afghanistan.

"Because it's inside the family and because it's not a permanent status, the Taliban may stay out (of it)," Barfield said.

It is unclear where the practice originated or how old it is, and it is impossible to know how widespread it might be. A somewhat similar tradition exists in Albania, another deeply patriarchal society, although it is limited to adults. Under Albania's "sworn virgin" tradition, a woman would take an oath of celibacy and declare herself a man, after which she could inherit property, work and sit on a village council — all of which would have been out of bounds for a woman.

In Afghanistan, the bacha posh tradition is "one of the most underinvestigated"

topics in terms of gender issues, said Barfield, who spent about two years in the 1970s living with an Afghan nomad family that included a bacha posh. "Precisely because the girls revert back to the female role, they marry, it kind of disappears."

Girls chosen as bacha posh usually are the more boisterous, self-assured daughters. "The role fits so well that sometimes even outside the family, people are not aware that it exists," he said.

"It's almost so invisible that it's one of the few gender issues that doesn't show up as a political or social question," Barfield noted.

The reasons parents might want a bacha posh vary. With sons traditionally valued more than daughters, the practice usually occurs in families without a boy.

Some consider it a status symbol, and some believe it will bring good luck for the next child to be born a boy.

But for others, like Sanam's family, the choice was one of necessity. Last year, with Afghanistan's economy collapsing, construction work dried up. Sanam's father, already suffering from a back injury, lost his job as a plumber. He turned to selling coronavirus masks on the streets, making the equivalent of \$1-\$2 per day. But he needed a helper.

The family has four daughters and one son, but their 11-year-old boy doesn't have full use of his hands following an injury. So the parents said they decided to make Sanam a bacha posh.

"We had to do this because of poverty," said Sanam's mother, Fahima. "We don't have a son to

work for us, and her father doesn't have anyone to help him. So I will consider her my son until she becomes a teenager."

Still, Fahima refers to Sanam as "my daughter." In their native Dari language, the pronouns are not an issue since one pronoun is used for "he" and "she."

Sanam says she prefers living as a boy.

"It's better to be a boy ... I wear (Afghan male clothes), jeans and jackets, and go with my father and work," she said. She likes playing in the park with her brother's friends and playing cricket and soccer.

Once she grows up, Sanam said, she wants to be either a doctor, a commander or a soldier, or work with her father. And she'll go back to being a girl.

"When I grow up, I will let my hair grow and will wear girl's clothes," she said.

The transition can be difficult.

"When I put on girls' clothes, I thought I was in prison," said Najieh, who grew up as a bacha posh, although she would attend school as a girl. One of seven sisters, her boy's name was Assadollah.

Now 34, married and with four children of her own, she weeps for the freedom of the male world she has lost.

"In Afghanistan, boys are more valuable," she said. "There is no oppression for them, and no limits. But being a girl is different. She gets forced to get married at a young age."

Young women can't leave the house or allow strangers to see their face, Najieh said. And after the Taliban takeover, she lost her job as a schoolteacher because she had been teaching boys.

"Being a man is better than being a woman," she said, wiping tears from her eye. "It is very hard for me. ... If I were a man, I could be a teacher in a school."

"I wish I could be a man, not a woman. To stop this suffering."



Wild elephants scavenge for food at an open landfill Jan. 6 in the village of Pallakkadu in Sri Lanka. Plastic waste is leading to elephants dying in the region. ACHALA PUSSALLA/AP

Elephants dying after eating plastic from Sri Lanka dump

By Achala Pussalla Associated Press

PALLAKKADU, Sri Lanka — Conservationists and veterinarians are warning that plastic waste in an open landfill in eastern Sri Lanka is killing elephants in the region, after two more were found dead last weekend.

Around 20 elephants have died over the last eight years after consuming plastic trash in the dump in Pallakkadu village in Ampara district, about 130 miles east of the capital, Colombo.

Examinations of the dead animals showed they had swallowed large amounts of nondegradable plastic, wildlife veterinarian Nihal Pushpakumara said.

"Polythene, food wrappers, plastic, other nondigestibles and water were the only things we could see in the postmortems. The normal food that elephants eat and digest was not evident," he said.

Elephants are revered in Sri Lanka but are also endangered. Their numbers have dwindled from about 14,000 in the 19th century to

6,000 in 2011, according to the country's first elephant census.

They are increasingly vulnerable because of the loss and degradation of their natural habitat. Many venture closer to human settlements in search of food, and some are killed by poachers or farmers angry over damage to their crops.

Hungry elephants seek out the waste in the landfill, consuming plastic as well as sharp objects that damage their digestive systems, Pushpakumara said.

"The elephants then stop eating and become too weak to keep their heavy frames upright. When that happens, they can't consume food or water, which quickens their death," he said.

In 2017, the government announced that it will recycle the garbage in dumps near wildlife zones to prevent elephants from consuming plastic waste. It also said electric fences would be erected around the sites to keep the animals away. But neither has been fully implemented.

There are 54 waste dumps in wildlife zones

around the country, with around 300 elephants roaming near them, according to officials.

The waste management site in Pallakkadu village was set up in 2008 with aid from the European Union.

In 2014, the electric fence protecting the site was struck by lightning and authorities never repaired it.

Residents say elephants have moved closer and settled near the waste pit, sparking fear among nearby villagers.

Many use firecrackers to chase the animals away when they wander into the village, and some have erected electric fences around their homes.

However, villagers often don't know how to install the electric fences so they are safe.

"Even though we call them a menace, wild elephants are also a resource. Authorities need to come up with a way to protect both human lives and the elephants that also allows us to continue our agricultural activities," said Keerthi Ranasinghe, a local village councilor.

Census memo cites meddling by the Trump administration

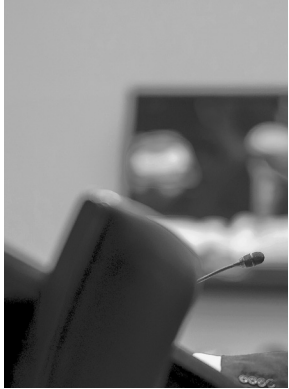
By Michael Wines The New York Times

WASHINGTON — A newly disclosed memorandum citing "unprecedented" meddling by the Trump administration in the 2020 census and circulated among top Census Bureau officials indicates how strongly they sought to resist efforts by the administration to manipulate the count for Republican political gain.

The document was shared among three senior executives including Ron S. Jarmin, a deputy director and the agency's day-to-day head. It was written in September 2020 as the administration was pressing the bureau to end the count weeks early so that if President Donald Trump lost the election in November, he could receive population estimates used to reapportion the House of Representatives before leaving office.

The memo laid out a string of instances of political interference that senior census officials planned to raise with Wilbur Ross, who was then the secretary of the Commerce Department, which oversees the bureau. The issues involved crucial technical aspects of the count, including the privacy of census respondents, the use of estimates to fill in missing population data, pressure to take shortcuts to produce population totals quickly, and political pressure on a crash program that was seeking to identify and count immigrants living in the country illegally.

Most of those issues directly affected the population estimates used for reapportionment. In particular, the administration was adamant that — for the first time ever — the bureau separately tally the number of immigrants living illegally in each state. Trump had ordered the tally in



Then-Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross says he did not recall seeing the memo. ERIN SCHAFF/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2019

a July 2020 presidential memorandum, saying he wanted to subtract them from House reapportionment population estimates.

The census officials' memorandum pushed back especially forcefully, complaining of "direct engagement" by political appointees with the methods that experts were using to find and count unauthorized noncitizens.

"While the presidential memorandum may be a statement of the administration's policy," the memo stated, "the Census Bureau views the development of the methodology and processes as its responsibility as an independent statistical agency."

The memorandum was among hundreds of documents that the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University's law school obtained in a lawsuit seeking details of the Trump administration's plans for calculating the allotment of House seats. The suit was concluded in October, but none of the documents had been made public until now.

Reached by email, Ross said he neither recalled seeing the memorandum nor discussing its contents with the bureau's executives. A spokesperson for the Census Bureau, Michael

C. Cook, said he could not immediately say whether census officials actually raised the issues with Ross or, if so, what his response was.

The Trump administration had long been open about its intention to change the formula for divvying up House seats among the states by excluding noncitizens from the population counts. That would leave an older and whiter population base in states with large immigrant populations, something that was presumed to work to Republican advantage.

Trump's presidential memorandum ordering the Census Bureau to compile a list of noncitizens for that purpose prompted a far-reaching plan to scour billions of government records for hints of foreigners living here, illegally or not. The bureau proved unable to produce the noncitizen count before Trump left office, and noncitizens were counted in the allocation of House seats, just as they had been in every census since 1790.

But as the documents show, that was not for lack of effort on the part of the Commerce Department and its leader at the time.

Among other disclosures, undated documents show that Ross was enlisted to lobby 10 Republican governors whose states had been reluctant to turn over driver's license records and lists of people enrolled in public assistance programs so that they could be screened for potential noncitizens.

Ross said in his email that he had "called state officials, both Republican and Democrat, who were slow or reluctant to share data with us."

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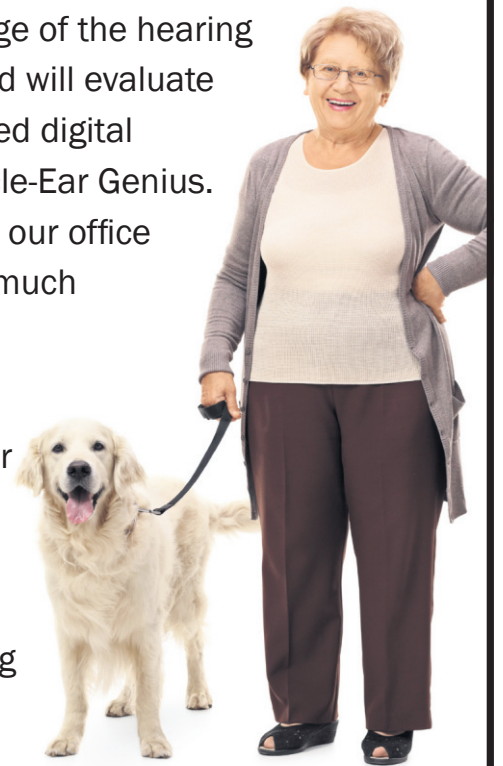
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WORLD & NATION

Democrats face a long, costly battle

Millions needed to thwart GOP voting rights restrictions

By Reid J. Epstein and Nick Corasaniti
The New York Times

With the door slammed shut this past week on federal legislation to create new protections for access to voting, Democrats face an electoral landscape in which they will need to spend heavily to register and mobilize voters if they are to overcome the hodgepodge of new voting restrictions enacted by Republicans across the country.

Democrats rode record turnout to win the presidency and control of the Senate in 2020 after embracing policies that made it easier to vote with absentee ballots during the pandemic.

But Republican-controlled state legislatures have since enacted a range of measures that undo those policies, erect new barriers to voting and remove some of the guardrails that halted former President Donald Trump's drive to overturn the election.

Democrats' best chance for counteracting the new state laws is gone after Sen. Kyrsten Sinema, D-Ariz., declared her opposition on Thursday to President Joe Biden's push to lift the filibuster to pass the party's two voting-access bills.

That failure infuriated Democrats and left them contemplating a long, difficult year of organizing for midterm elections, where they face headwinds from Biden's low approval ratings, inflation, congressional redistricting and the pandemic.

Democratic officials and activists say they are resigned to having to spend and organize their way around the new voting restrictions — a prospect many view with hard-earned skepticism, citing the difficulty of educating masses of voters on how to comply with the new rules.

They say it would require them to compensate by spending tens or even hundreds of millions of dollars more on voter-registration and turnout programs — funds that might otherwise have gone to promoting Democratic candidates.



Demonstrators back voting rights in an Atlanta rally before President Biden spoke last week. NICOLE CRAINE/THE NEW YORK TIMES

"All these voter protection measures are not cheap," said Raymond Paultre, executive director of the Florida Alliance, a statewide network of progressive donors. "This is going to draw a lot of resources away from candidates, campaigns and organizations."

Republicans, whose decade-long push to curtail voting access was put into overdrive by Trump's false claims of election fraud after his defeat, are planning a renewed push to enact new restrictions during this year's state legislative sessions.

They are also pushing to recruit thousands of Trump supporters as election workers come November.

The bottom line, Democrats say, is that in many Republican-run states, voting in 2022 may be more difficult — and more charged — than it has been in generations, especially if the coronavirus

pandemic does not subside.

The stakes are highest in key battleground states where governors and top election officials on the ballot in November will determine the ease of voting in the 2024 presidential contest.

In Wisconsin last week, a judge in Waukesha County, the largest county in the state among those run by Republicans, ruled that drop boxes for absentee ballots are illegal statewide — a reversal of long-standing practice, and a ban set to take effect in municipal primary elections Feb. 15.

The ruling by Michael Bohren, a circuit court judge, invalidated years of guidance from the Wisconsin Elections Commission allowing municipalities to collect absentee ballots in drop boxes before Election Day.

Bohren, who routinely attests to his bona fides as a conservative,

was appointed to the bench in 2000 by former Gov. Tommy Thompson, a Republican, and presides over a courtroom displaying portraits of a handful of American presidents, all of them Republicans except for George Washington. He declined to be interviewed.

The federal voting rights legislation would have contained funding for election administration processes, including automatic voter registration. Without it, election officials say they will be hamstrung in training staff members and buying needed equipment, running the risk of disruptions. Hundreds of officials from 39 states sent a letter to Biden on Thursday asking for \$5 billion to buy and fortify election infrastructure for the next decade. The letter was organized by a group largely funded by Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook's founder and CEO

of its parent company.

Despite that need, at least 12 states have passed laws preventing nongovernmental groups from financing election administration — a wide-reaching legislative response to false right-wing suspicions that \$350 million donated for that purpose by another organization with ties to Zuckerberg was used to increase Democratic turnout. The money mainly covered administrative expenses, including safety gear for poll workers, and was distributed to both Republican and Democratic jurisdictions.

Some Democrats and civil rights leaders say they fear that the failure of Democrats in Washington to enact a federal voting law could depress turnout among Black voters — the same voters the party will spend the coming months working to organize.

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WORLD & NATION



Virginia Mavhunga, 13, dropped out of school after becoming pregnant. She holds her child in her rural home in Murehwa, Zimbabwe. TSVANGIRAYI MUKWAZHI/AP PHOTOS 2021

No time for pregnant pauses

With more girls set to become mothers, Zimbabwe is pushing for a return to the classroom

By Farai Mutsaka
Associated Press

MUREHWA, Zimbabwe — Inside a sparsely furnished two-room home in rural Zimbabwe, a 3-month-old baby cries. His mother, Virginia Mavhunga, spends her days making trips to the well with a bucket on her head, selling fruits and vegetables at the roadside, cooking, cleaning, washing clothes — she has too much on her hands to offer her child, Tawananyasha, much comfort.

“That’s my life now, every day,” the new mother said.

Between the chores of her strict routine, Virginia prepares her four younger siblings for school and helps them with homework when they return. It’s these tasks that hit Virginia the hardest — because, at age 13, she, too, would rather be in school.

Tribune Publishing and the AP generally don’t name victims of sexual abuse without consent. For this story, the girls and their families have agreed to be identified and have their names published, in keeping with their wishes to have their stories told.

Virginia is part of a steep increase in pregnancies among girls and teenagers reported in Zimbabwe and other southern African countries during the pandemic. Zimbabwe has long struggled with such pregnancies and child marriages.

Before COVID-19 hit, one of every three girls in the country was wed before age 18, many with unplanned pregnancies, because of lax enforcement of laws, widespread poverty, and cultural and religious practices.

Change fails

The spread of coronavirus intensified the situation. The country of 15 million people imposed a strict lockdown in March 2020, closing schools for six months and reopening them only intermittently. Girls in particular were left idle and shut out from access to contraceptives and clinics; the troubles of impoverished families worsened.

Many girls became victims of sexual abuse or looked to marriage and pregnancy as a way out of poverty, advocates and officials said. Before the pandemic, many such girls were “relegated as a lost cause,” said Taungana Ndoro, an education official in Zimbabwe.

But faced with the rising numbers, the government in

August 2020 changed a law that had long banned pregnant students from schools. Activists and authorities hailed the move, but so far the new policy has largely failed. Most girls haven’t returned to school, with authorities and families citing economic hardship, deep-seated cultural norms, and stigma and bullying in class.

Virginia tried to return to school. Officials encouraged her and her parents. But she was the butt of jokes and the subject of gossip in a community not accustomed to seeing a pregnant girl in a school uniform.

“People would laugh at me. Some would point and ask in ridicule; ‘What’s up with that belly?’ ” she said, looking at a photo of herself in the purple uniform.

She has since sold it for \$2 to pay for the baby’s clothing and other needs.

Virginia said she had hoped the older man who impregnated her would marry her. Despite initial promises, he ultimately denied paternity, she said. She and her family didn’t follow through on a statutory rape case with police, despite Zimbabwean law putting the age of consent at 16.

Under the law, people convicted of sexual intercourse or “an indecent act” with anyone younger than 16 can get a fine or up to 10 years in jail. But most incidents never get that far.

Families often try to negotiate with the offender, pressuring him to marry the girl and give her family cattle or money, police spokesman Paul Nyathi said. Then they agree to not report the case to police — ultimately “assisting in the abuse of the girl,” he said.

Police said they couldn’t provide data related to prosecuted or reported cases.

Zimbabwe does have figures on pregnancies in girls who drop out of school — and while they show an alarming increase, officials say they likely reflect an undercount, as many girls simply leave without giving a reason.

In 2018, about 3,000 girls dropped out of school nationwide because of pregnancies. In 2019, that number remained relatively steady. In 2020, the number rose: 4,770 pregnant students left school.

And in 2021, it simply skyrocketed: About 5,000 students got pregnant in just the first two months of the year, according to women’s affairs minister Sithembiso Nyoni.



As part of a clinic for teenage mothers, an instructor from Doctors Without Borders gives a crash course in life skills to make a living. This includes such things as a giving manicures and making soap. Over 300 girls have participated during the pandemic.



Tanaka Rwizi, a pregnant 16-year-old, stays with her unemployed uncle in a single room divided by a curtain.

Cases elsewhere

Across Africa, Zimbabwe isn’t alone: During the pandemic, Botswana, Namibia, Lesotho, Malawi, Madagascar, South Africa and Zambia “all recorded a steep rise in cases of sexual and gender-based violence, which has contributed to a reported increase in pregnancies among young and adolescent girls,” according to an Amnesty International report. The continent has one of the highest pregnancy rates among adolescents in the world, according to the United Nations, and Zimbabwe and a handful of other nations now have laws or policies to protect girls’ education while pregnant.

Zimbabwe’s change in law gave community workers an opportunity to encourage girls to return to school. Through a group that promotes girls’ rights, Tsitsi Chitongo held community meetings and knocked on doors to speak with families in remote, rural areas.

But the lack of enthusiasm from families jolted her. By

November, her group had persuaded only one child to return to school in Murehwa — a poor rural township of mostly small farmers dealing with the fallout of drought, about 50 miles from the capital city of Harare.

That girl lasted a week in school, Chitongo said. She sees resistance from parents, community leaders and teachers — in addition to the girls themselves.

“Most parents are still steeped in the old way of doing things,” she said. “They prefer to have the child married, even if she is under the age of 18. They tell us, ‘I am already struggling to take care of my family; I can’t afford an extra mouth when the girl gives birth.’ So children are being chased away from home.”

Some schools also discourage girls from returning, despite the recent change, Chitongo said.

“Sometimes headmasters tell us that they don’t quite understand how the policy works and they refuse to admit the children,” she said.

“They complain that pregnant girls are not focused. Some simply tell us that the school is full.”

Often girls are unaware they have a right to remain in school. They’re then forced to find work, frequently as housemaids, to support their children, Chitongo said. Or they go to the men who impregnated them.

Popular program

For 16-year-old Tanaka Rwizi, the backyard of a clinic run by Doctors Without Borders in the poverty-stricken Mbare township has taken the place of school. There, a club for teenage mothers provides crash courses on life skills and ways they can make a living, such as giving manicures and making soap for sale.

Tanaka dropped out of her school after becoming pregnant early last year. She lives with her unemployed uncle in a single room divided by a curtain. Every Thursday, she gathers with other girls for the clinic’s program. It began in 2019 for a handful of participants, but demand grew during the pandemic, said Grace Mavhezha, of Doctors Without Borders. More than 300 girls have come to the program since COVID-19 hit.

Most of the girls opt for the program over formal school because they need a skill that can help them “quickly make some money,” Mavhezha said. “There is a lot of poverty; they need to fend for their children.”

Many also set their sights on marriage to survive. Tanaka said the 20-year old man who impregnated her promised to marry her as soon as she turns 18 — the youngest allowed in Zimbabwean law.

“I can’t wait that long,”

Tanaka said. She planned to go to him after giving birth.

The clinic also offers contraceptives. But travel restrictions shut out many young people from such facilities, also cutting off access to counseling. Clinic workers say many young people need such services because of conservative parents who equate contraceptives with prostitution.

“Girls are banned from taking contraceptives due to traditional myths that our parents have, that girls cannot have sex until they are in their 20s or married,” said Yvette Kanenungo, a 20-year-old clinic volunteer. “The truth is that the girls are already having sex, but cannot freely take contraceptives because of the no-sex-before-marriage decree at home.”

For Virginia, the travel restrictions meant she was stuck at home in Murehwa after visiting her parents from her city school last year. She enrolled instead at a local school, but spent little time there because of intermittent closures.

At first, Virginia’s parents wanted to pursue a statutory rape case against the older man who impregnated her. But they gave up when he was released on bail and said they now hope he’ll take care of the baby.

Virginia’s father ignored advice from neighbors to make his daughter leave home. Her mother wanted to protect her, and that included keeping her out of school and away from harassment.

School vows to return to Virginia someday. She misses her classes, her peers. She wants to graduate and be accepted to a university.

“This is not the end of the road, just a forced break,” she said

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

BY TIMOTHY POLIN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Timothy Polin, of Central City, Pa., has been making crosswords for The Times since 2011. This is his 55th one for the paper and his eighth Sunday. He specializes in puzzles with visuals in the grids — like a “Jaws”-themed crossword in 2018, in which you could connect five squares in the solution containing the letters F-I-N to form a picture of a shark’s fin. Today’s puzzle isn’t quite as unusual, but it’s close. — W.S.

- ACROSS

1

Disseminated

5

JPEG alternative

8

Quick-witted

14

“Forbidden fruit is the sweetest,” e.g.

19

Kind of writing

21

Hurting more

22

Mineral used as a flame retardant

23

Aromatic herbal drink

24

Carmen McRae or Anita O’Day, notably

26

Disorganized

27

Sound in the Serengeti

29

Tying words?

30

Horrible boss, say

31

Neighbor of S. Sudan

32

Endpoint of a Shinto pilgrimage

36

What’s going up in Chicago?

38

And so forth

40

Munchkin

41

Spade with a short handle?

42

Morse morsel

43

You can have a blast with this

44

“Yes, indeedy!”

47

____ volente

49

Makes clearer, in a way

51

1997 pop hit with a nonsensical refrain

52

Fete

56

Anago, on a sushi menu

57

In ____ fertilization & 59 Flag bearers, for short?

58

Clap back

63

Many moons

64

Chaired

66

Many, many, many moons

68

Subj. line heading

69

Birthplace of five U.S. presidents, with “the”

73

German title

74

Like discriminatory employers, often

75

Just roll with it!

76

See 88-Across

77

Eliminates, mob-style

79

Driving stick?

81

____ out a victory

83

Pack (in)

84

Fracases

85

Start of some conventional wisdom

88

With 76-Across, Mexican business magnate who was once the world’s richest person

89

Means of a quick recharge

92

“____ funny!”

93

Fab

94

Akin to

95

Rapper Cudi or DJ ____ Loco

97

Comprehension

99

Domain of Mars

100

Boise-to-Spokane dir.

102

Post-default event

104

“Eureka!”

108

“That’s the spot”

110

Kinda

111

Lunkhead

113

Court order

114

Red accessory for cartoondom’s Huckleberry Hound

116

Scientific contribution from 98-Down, discovered in a manner suggested by this puzzle’s theme

120

Crow’s-nests, e.g.

122

One living in the rial world?

123

Lingerie fabric

124

Blights

125

More mirthful

126

Defiant refusal

127

____ Plaines, Ill.

128

Start of a story, in journalese

DOWN

1

Cause of a jolt

2

Really busy, perhaps

3

It’s nothing to joke about

4

Artist known for his lampooning cartooning

5

Startin’ place

6

“____ moved on”

7

Calming words

8

Holy city near Baghdad

9

Hardly a lover of hot wings?

10

Radio-frequency meas.

11

Ad or show follower

12

____ P. Morton, Benjamin Harrison’s vice president

13

Lost deposits, as a bank?

14

Attorney’s org.

15

Sorrow

16

Thank you, in Tokyo

17

Stovetop device

18

Breadths

20

Sled dogs, e.g.

25

Word in some cocktail names

28

Baseball’s “Master Melvin”

33

Westernmost sch. in

34

Actress ____ Pinkett Smith

35

“Er ... umm ...”

37

Nonbinary possessive

39

Game-show invitation

45

Modern lead-in to “X”

46

Got out fast

48

Exit

50

Tom Petty hit with the opening line “She’s a good girl, loves her mama”

51

Rendezvous

52

Nickname for Virginia

53

Declare

54

Is beaten by

55

You might take a lift to one

56

Married mujeres: Abbr.

57

All-in-one purchase from a smoke shop

60

Unforgettable, unstoppable sort

61

They’re not to be trusted

65

Julie who played Catwoman on old TV

67

Puzzle (out)

70

Personal bearing

71

Strong pan

72

Hard thing to do?

78

German title

80

Capital of Bangladesh

82

Mushroom in miso soup

86

Afterword

87

Nicolas who directed “The Man Who Fell to Earth”

88

Lab where the Higgs boson particle was discovered

89

Inventory

90

“My Cousin Vinny” setting

91

Airport route

93

Squealed

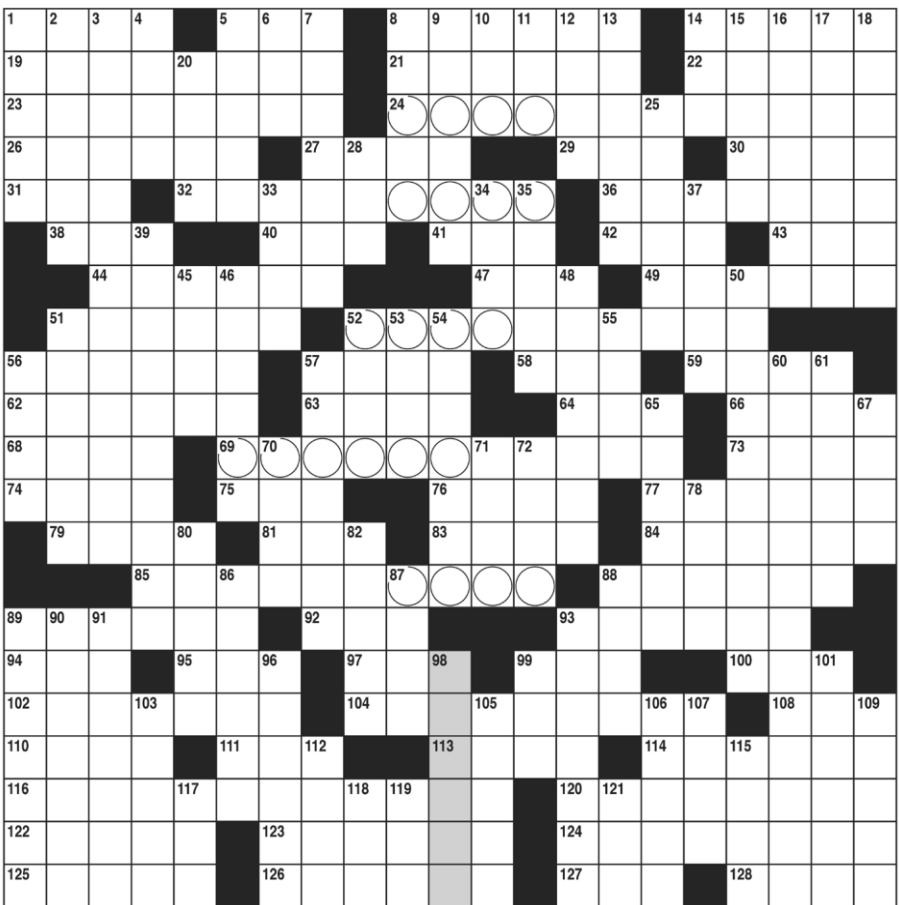
96

Opposite of a glut

98

Who was famously hit over the head with inspiration?

99

Tech release of 2006

No. 0116

- 101

Didn’t act rashly, say
- 103

Pit
- 105

Words before relax or remember
- 106

Small section of a pit
- 107

Bowl-shaped cooking vessels
- 109

German state that includes Frankfurt
- 112

Manage
- 115

What’s got ewe covered?
- 117

Hemlock relative
- 118

Old ____ (London theater)
- 119

Gag line?
- 121

Spanish “hey!”

Answer To Last Week’s Puzzle:

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Health care workers plead for help

Already under strain of pandemic, they're seeing record virus infections: 'We're dropping like flies'

By Katy Golvala
CT Mirror

Twenty-two months into the pandemic, health care workers are dealing with record hospitalizations, unsustainable work schedules and abuse from a public that's frustrated and exhausted. On top of all that, they're also contracting the virus at higher

rates than ever before, federal safety standards surrounding COVID-19 related working conditions in hospitals have been peeled back, and changes in workers' compensation policies are making it harder for many who cannot work. "We have had record numbers of staff members that have been out with COVID," said Yale New

Haven Health CEO Marna Borgstrom. As of Wednesday, 439 staff members were out across the Yale system, down from 700 on a single day last week. Tom Balczak, chief clinical officer at YNHH, called the trends in worker infections even more frightening than hospital admissions. Hartford HealthCare reported 1,500 workers out with COVID-19 on Wednesday, down from 1,600 the week before. As of Jan. 11, more than 500 hospital staff were out at

Nuvance Health, a network including Danbury Hospital in western Connecticut, though the number had decreased in recent days. Trinity Health declined to provide the specific number of staff out with COVID-19. "We're dropping like flies," said Sherri Dayton, a registered nurse at the Plainfield Emergency Care Center, an emergency center affiliated with Backus Hospital and part of the Hartford HealthCare System. Bill Garrity, who serves as the

president of the University Health Professionals Local 337, a union representing over 2,800 health care professionals at UConn Health, said keeping workers safe can start in the hospitals themselves. He wants to see more transparency from management about infections in the workplace to help control worker outbreaks. "I'd love to know numbers [of workers infected] and where they're stationed," Garrity said.

Turn to Workers, Page 2



Wallace Ronald and his son Tyler Ronald opened the Talcott Mountain Collective in late December and like to think of it as a total experience, where guests can have one of 20 locally brewed beers, grab a bite to eat from a food truck, watch sports or play a game. MARK MIRKO PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT

'An escape from reality'

The Talcott Mountain Collective offers local beer, food — and spirit of togetherness

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

The Talcott Mountain Collective, a new beer and food venue in Simsbury whose all-glass, east-facing façade offers a terrific view of the Heublein Tower, sells Connecticut-brewed beers and is a rotating stop for local food trucks. But the owners don't think of it as a restaurant. "It's an experience venue," says Tyler Ronald, who runs the Collective with his dad Wallace Ronald. "We don't make the beer. We don't cook the food. You come here to

have an experience." The "experience" includes sitting with friends over beer, wine, whiskey and food, enjoying a fire and playing games like Trivial Pursuit, chess, checkers, cards, Uno and Battleship. A shelf of books sits in one corner. On select nights people can bring old vinyl albums to play on the turntable. Guests can watch sports on TV, but "we won't show the news. We want this place to be an escape from reality," Tyler Ronald says. The Collective, which opened in late December in the former clubhouse of a long-closed golf course,

Turn to Talcott, Page 2



Testing sites still largely available

Here's where to get tested for COVID-19 over the long weekend

By Eliza Fawcett
Hartford Courant

As Connecticut's COVID-19 surge begins to level off, walk-up testing remains available throughout the state, including through the holiday weekend. Unlike mid-December, when Connecticut residents scrambled to purchase at-home rapid COVID-19 tests and schedule PCR tests, walk-up locations are open at locations across the state and appointments are largely available. However, some sites will be closed in the coming days due to the approaching arctic cold front and for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Department of Public Health spokesperson Chris Boyle encouraged residents to check <https://portal.ct.gov/coronavirus> this weekend for updates on the state-supported COVID-19 testing sites. The locations listed below were scheduled to be open, as of Friday afternoon. For appointment-based testing, major health care systems such as Hartford HealthCare and Yale New Haven Health continue to offer appointments. Hartford HealthCare offers COVID-19 testing in Bridgeport, Meriden, Newington, New Britain, Norwich, Torrington and Willimantic. Most sites offer some weekend hours, which remained available as of Friday afternoon and can be booked online. Here's where to find walk-up COVID-19 testing over the long weekend, including the state-sponsored and SEMA4 sites:

Turn to Testing, Page 2

Fentanyl found in Hartford '50 times' more potent

Drug can be dangerous even through contact with skin, police say

Hartford Courant

Fentanyl that is about 50 times more potent than "what has regularly been found and tested" in the region has been recovered in Hartford, police said. The report of the recovery of

the powerful drug and its potency came as the city grapples with an incident that led police to find nearly 40 bags of fentanyl stashed in multiple locations within a city school in a search prompted after a student overdosed Thursday morning. The student, a seventh-grader at the Sport and Medical Sciences Academy school, remained unresponsive and in "grave condition" after ingesting the drug, which

subsequent tests confirmed to be fentanyl, Hartford police spokesperson Lt. Aaron Boisvert said Friday. Boisvert later reported that the police department "recovered fentanyl that was packed for street level sales." He did not say in the email whether the recovered fentanyl he was referring to was the substance found at the school or connected to that case but said that "this

particular recovered fentanyl was forensically tested and found to be approximately 50 times more potent than what has regularly been found and tested in New England regions." He said later he could not comment on the location where the fentanyl was found. "The strength and potency of this product can be deadly to anyone coming in contact with it, including absorption through the skin," Boisvert said in the email.

The city has been investigating the circumstances that left the teen in grave condition. Two other seventh-graders were believed to be exposed to the drug and were also taken to the hospital, officials have said. Both were released to their parents Thursday night, Boisvert said. The bags of the drug found at the school were collected by the

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Workers

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Earlier in the pandemic, the state and federal government put in place crucial workers' compensation policies and federal safety measures that have since either expired or been relaxed.

At the state level, in July 2020, Gov. Ned Lamont signed an executive order that automatically approved workers' compensation for essential workers applying for benefits because they were infected with COVID-19 between March 10 and May 20, 2020. The policy temporarily assumed that essential workers who contracted COVID-19 did so at work. But that policy is no longer in effect.

Now, several health care professionals report that when they test positive for COVID-19, they're often told they likely contracted it out in the community and there-

fore are not eligible for workers' compensation.

In December 2020, after the temporary workers' compensation policy had ended, Sherri Dayton tested positive for COVID-19. Earlier that week, her manager alerted her that she had been in contact with two patients who came into the hospital for a tick bite and a skin infection who were later found to have COVID-19, she said.

When Dayton reported her positive result and applied for workers' compensation, she said she was told that she likely contracted the virus somewhere other than the hospital, and her request was denied.

Recent changes to federal policies also threaten to leave medical professionals less protected.

On Dec. 23, the CDC cut the quarantine period for infected health care workers from 10 days after a negative test to seven days. The agency noted that this was

to help increase staffing for the omicron surge. The announcement also specified that the "isolation time can be cut further if there are staffing shortages."

In July 2021, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the federal agency charged with ensuring workplace safety, issued a temporary standard that set specific COVID-related safety requirements for health care settings, including a requirement to develop a COVID-19 hazard assessment and provide respirators for workers directly exposed to infectious cases.

At the end of 2021, that temporary standard lapsed. OSHA said it is committed to putting in place a permanent standard but has yet to do so.

These lapses in policies at both the state and federal level have left health care workers with less workplace protection during the peak of COVID-19 infection rates. Health care worker infections also put a strain

on staffing at a time when the state's health care system is already bursting at the seams, officials said.

Stretched thin, some hospitals are mandating overtime for certain health care professionals, often requiring them to stay for additional shifts with little notice. This can result in 12- to 16-hour workdays.

On top of mandated overtime, Sherri Dayton reported that, in the emergency center, she and her colleagues have also been forced to treat an unsustainable number of patients at a time. Normally, she treats four patients at a time. Recently, she has been forced to treat six, seven, and, on a particularly difficult day, 11 patients at once.

"We are exhausted. And we are shouting at the top of our lungs, 'Help us,'" said Dayton.

Katy Golvala is a reporter for The Connecticut Mirror (ct-mirror.org). Copyright 2021 © The Connecticut Mirror.

Testing

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Sunday

Bridgeport: North End Branch Library, 3455 Madison Ave., noon to 5 p.m.

Hartford: 1161 Albany Ave. (parking lot at Woodland and Albany), 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Norwalk: Calf Pasture Beach, 99 Calf Pasture Beach Road, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Norwich: Dodd Stadium, 14 Stott Ave., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Old Saybrook: 2 Bridge St. (saliva testing), 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Stamford: Terry Corner Ice Ring, 1125 Cove Road, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Vernon: Rockville High School, 70 Loveland Hill Road, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Willimantic: Recreation Park, 50 Main St., 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Monday

Danbury: Pat Waldron Building (Veteran's Building), 23 Memorial Drive, 3 to 7 p.m.

East Haddam: Nathan Hall Ray Middle School, 73 Clark Gates Road, Moodus, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Hartford: 1161 Albany Ave. (parking lot at Woodland and Albany), 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Kent: Kent Transfer Station, 45 Maple St., 4 to 7 p.m.

Norwalk: Calf Pasture Beach, 99 Calf Pasture Beach Road, 2 to 7 p.m.

Norwich: Dodd Stadium, 14 Stott Ave., 3 to 7 p.m.

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Talcott

from Page 1

is the vision of Wallace Ronald, who has been a partner in Hartford-area eateries for more than a half-century.

Wallace Ronald says when he signed a 10-year lease for the 6-acre property, a brewery was never in the equation.

"Connecticut now has about 150 breweries. I don't think we need another brewery," he says. But bringing together a sampling of the best of Connecticut breweries and food trucks whose owners have a passion for making food, "clicked with me, made sense to me."

Repurposing old buildings is a common theme in his career. In the '70s, he helped turn a shuttered Hartford bank into the restaurant Last National Bank. In the '80s, he turned an old grist mill in Simsbury into Hop Brook restaurant, which is where Millwright's is now located. Also in the '80s, he turned an old Hartford department store into Brown Thomson, and in the '90s converted it into a brew pub, City Steam.

Wallace Ronald is assisted in the Collective by his son, Tyler, and Abner Rosano, who is the general manager but in reality, he says, nobody's job at the Collective conforms to one title.

"There are no positions.

Sometimes you bartend. Sometimes you cook. Sometimes you clean tables," Rosano says. Or, as Wallace Ronald says, "It's a whole team effort."

That spirit of togetherness extends to their mission for the Collective. "We are both for and of the community," Tyler Ronald says.

Local brews to be found in the 20 revolving taps include concoctions from Alvarium in New Britain, Back East and Thomas Hooker in Bloomfield, City Steam in Hartford, Counter Weight in Hamden, Coles Road in Berlin, Legitimus in New Hartford, Little Red Barn in Winsted, New Park in West Hartford, Tribus in Milford and a variety of national and German beers.

The Collective's small kitchen makes simple pub grub like pizza, nachos, quesadillas, pretzels and brats. But the real food attraction is the trucks that park during peak hours. Recent visitors were Frankie's Food Truck, which sells sandwiches, and I Know a Guy, which sells paninis, salads, chowder and chili. Wallace Ronald says he is in talks with chicken, taco and pizza trucks and a Polish food truck.

The capacity in the 4,700-square-foot clubhouse is 165 people, who can sit at the hand-made wooden tables or at the 57-foot bar. Lanterns made from expired kegs hang

from the ceiling.

Canton artist Pia Sjölin created a mural on one wall, and local photographer Nick Ambrosino has five photos of the Farmington Valley hanging near the bar. Tyler Ronald says work by other artists, artisans and craftspeople will find their way into the Collective.

"We're not racing to the décor. We'll see what feels right at the right time," Tyler Ronald says. "We want it to evolve into a ski lodge kind of feel."

Outdoors there are four fire pits and chairs, which can be used when the weather is cold. When the weather gets warmer, Wallace Ronald says, outdoor capacity is "infinite."

"We'd like to put up a tent to have outdoor activities and music events, bocce, cornhole, a bar, a stage," he says.

Tower Ridge Disc Golf is adjacent to the Collective and shares a parking lot. There are snowshoe and cross-country paths to wander.

Talcott Mountain Collective, at 140 Nod Road in the Weatogue section of Simsbury, is open Wednesday to Friday 3 to 10 p.m., Saturday noon to 11 p.m. and Sunday noon to 8 p.m. Check the website for what food trucks will be there. talcottcollective.com.

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Grants help musicians facing more cancellations

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

The initial wave of the COVID-19 pandemic shuttered music clubs, made live performances dangerous and threw countless musicians out of work.

Now a new round of postponements and cancellations is hitting the music scene. Some venues that used to offer live music regularly — especially the small bars and restaurants that weren't eligible for much of the federal relief funds given to full-fledged nightclubs and concert halls — still haven't returned to live performances.

A good local example would be Black-Eyed Sally's on Asylum Street in Hartford, which used to host local bands several nights a week and now only offers special shows on holidays such as New Year's Eve or Mardi Gras.

"It's all dried up," says Joe Chambers, spokesperson for the New England Musicians Relief Fund. Based in Boston, the NEMRF provides small grants, generally \$1,000 each, to musicians in need.

"The sole thing we do is provide grants. We did 300 grants the first winter of COVID. Applications have been flooding in this month."

The fund was created in 2020 because of the COVID-19 shutdowns that year. The plan was to keep the grants going after COVID-19 died down and focus on other issues

affecting musicians. But the omicron variant has wreaked new havoc. There may be no mandated club closures right now, but opportunities to play live never fully came back after the shutdown, and now are lessening again.

"There are self-imposed shutdowns, and we also lost a lot of venues during the pandemic," Chambers says.

Other profitable performance options haven't materialized. Online concerts provide "a fraction of what you'd make at an actual [in-person] show," Chambers says. "As we said in 2020, performing arts venues are the first to close and the last to reopen."

Katie Kennedy of Simsbury was a NEMRF grant recipient last year and now helps screen applicants for the fund. A cellist, she teaches at the Hartt School, runs a summer music program in Italy, is on the substitute performer list for the Hartford Symphony Orchestra and occasionally plays in the pit band for musicals at The Bushnell, among other freelance gigs. But the summer program hasn't happened for the past two years, the HSO returned to live indoor performances in October but had to postpone this month's concert, and new opportunities haven't materialized.

As an adjunct teacher and substitute performer, "If I don't play, I don't get paid," Kennedy says. "I don't get sick days. If I'm sick, I don't work. I only

get paid for the work that I do. I'm used to working every month, every week, but everything has been canceled in January."

Getting unemployment benefits, she found, is difficult or impossible for those with regular freelance gigs, however small. Encouraged by friends in Massachusetts, she applied for a NEMRF grant "because of all the lost income in 2020." Now she's "screening many, many, many applications" for the fund.

The musicians who apply for the grants come from "all genres," Kennedy says. "Definitely there are those who used to have regular gigs at clubs or restaurants, and there are also classical musicians like myself, and studio musicians."

At \$1,000, the grants are "just a drop in the bucket," Kennedy says, but come without any provisions on how they can be spent and can be a huge help "just paying regular bills." Past beneficiaries are also allowed to reapply, and NEMRF grants won't conflict with other relief they might receive.

"We want musicians in Connecticut to know that assistance is available," Kennedy says. Musicians can apply for the relief funds at NEMRF.org/apply. The fund is also accepting tax-deductible donations at NEMRF.org/takeaction.

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Buses are lined up Thursday to leave the Sport and Medical Sciences Academy in Hartford, where a student overdosed on fentanyl. JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

Fentanyl

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federal Drug Enforcement Agency and tested at their lab, Boisvert said. The drug was found to be fentanyl, which confirmed earlier on-scene tests.

The academy, located at 280 Huyshope Ave., is a college preparatory magnet school for students in grades six through 12 who are interested in sports and

medical sciences.

The school includes students from several towns in and around the Hartford area. The student who overdosed is from Hartford, Boisvert said.

"All of our hearts and prayers are with the child who remains hospitalized in grave condition, and with his loved ones," Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin said at a press conference outside the school Thursday.

"This is one more lesson

that fentanyl is a poison. These drugs are a poison. And please, if you're a parent, have that tough conversation with your child tonight," Bronin said at the time.

The school was closed Friday while the campus is thoroughly cleaned and decontaminated — a process that is expected to take several days, Principal Alison Giuliano said in a letter to students' families and staff Thursday night.

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STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

COMPANY	TICKER	52-WK RANGE		FRIDAY CLOSE	\$CHG 1WK	%CHG 1WK	IMO	1QTR	%CHG %RTN YTD	%RTN 1YR	RANK 1YR	%RTN 5YRS*	PE	YLD
		LOW	HIGH											
AT&T Inc	T	22.02	↗	33.88	27.18	0.89	3.4	▲	▲	+10.5	4.9	▣▣▣	20.90	7.7
Adv Micro Dev	AMD	72.50	↗	164.46	136.88	4.88	3.7	▼	▲	-4.9	44.6	▣▣▣	65.9	48 ...
Alphabet Inc A	GOOG	1721.55	↗	3037.00	2795.73	55.64	2.0	▼	▼	-3.4	58.6	▣▣▣	28.1	27 ...
Alphabet Inc C	GOOGL	1711.71	↗	3019.33	2789.61	49.27	1.8	▼	▼	-3.7	58.6	▣▣▣	27.2	84 ...
Amazon.com Inc	AMZN	2881.00	↗	3773.08	3242.76	-8.32	-0.3	▼	▼	-2.7	1.8	▣▣▣	31.6	62
Amphenol Corp	APH	58.58	↗	88.45	81.61	-0.51	-0.6	▼	▲	-6.7	22.9	▣▣▣	19.9	36 1.0
Apple Inc	AAPL	116.21	↗	182.94	173.07	0.90	0.5	▲	▲	-2.5	32.2	▣▣▣	49.7	47 0.5
Avangrid Inc	AGR	44.10	↗	55.57	48.04	-2.10	-4.2	▲	▼	-3.7	9.8	▣▣▣	7.7	23 3.7
Bank of America	BAC	29.57	↗	50.08	47.91	-1.27	-2.6	▲	▲	7.7	48.1	▣▣▣	17.6	14 1.8
Barnes Group	B	39.84	↗	57.64	48.19	0.25	0.5	▲	▲	3.4	-11.1	▣▣▣	1.4	28 1.3
Booking Holdings	BKNG	1860.73	↗	2687.29	2450.95	16.37	0.7	▲	▲	2.2	12.7	▣▣▣	9.7	999 ...
Bristl Myr Sqb	BMJ	53.22	↗	69.75	64.93	2.10	3.3	▲	▲	4.1	2.9	▣▣▣	5.5	... 3.3
CVS Health Corp	CVS	68.02	↗	107.26	106.22	2.03	1.9	▲	▲	3.0	43.3	▣▣▣	7.1	19 21.1
Carrier Global Corp	CARR	34.21	↗	58.89	51.10	-0.74	-1.4	▼	▼	-5.8	27.4	▣▣▣	0.0	... 0.9
Charter Communíc	CHTR	585.45	↗	825.62	607.69	-2.80	-0.5	▼	▼	-6.8	2	▣▣▣	15.7	28 ...
Cigna Corp	CI	191.74	↗	272.81	242.17	8.99	3.9	▲	▲	5.5	9.3	▣▣▣	10.8	11 1.7
CocaCola Co	KO	48.11	↗	61.20	61.39	1.06	1.8	▲	▲	3.7	24.8	▣▣▣	11.0	33 2.7
Comcast Corp A	CMCSA	46.29	↗	61.80	51.68	1.63	3.3	▲	▼	2.7	4.2	▣▣▣	8.8	25 1.9
Disney	DIS	142.04	↗	203.02	151.94	-5.89	-3.7	▲	▼	-1.9	-11.7	▣▣▣	8.2	... 1.4
DuPont de Nemours	DD	66.37	↗	87.27	84.97	1.78	2.1	▲	▲	5.2	2.1	▣▣▣	3.7	9 1.4
EMCOR Group Inc	EME	87.36	↗	135.98	124.65	-0.79	-0.6	▲	▲	-2.2	27.6	▣▣▣	12.9	21 0.3
Energy Transfer L.P.	ET	6.24	↗	11.55	9.59	0.35	3.8	▲	▼	16.5	38.8	▣▣▣	-4.6	7 6.4
Ethan Allen	ETD	21.12	↗	32.15	26.37	-0.06	-0.2	▲	▲	0.3	34.6	▣▣▣	1.3	23 4.4
Eversource Energy	ES	76.64	↗	92.66	87.38	-2.28	-2.5	▼	▲	-4.0	4	▣▣▣	12.2	25 2.8
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	44.29	↗	71.81	71.87	2.99	4.3	▲	▲	17.5	53.1	▣▣▣	0.2	... 4.9
Ford Motor	F	8.82	↗	25.87	25.19	0.75	3.1	▲	▲	21.3	156.9	▣▣▣	16.6	29 1.6
Freepet McMoRan	FCX	24.71	↗	46.10	44.08	2.36	5.7	▲	▲	5.6	46.3	▣▣▣	24.3	17 0.7
FuelCell Energy	FCEL	4.80	↗	29.44	4.83	-0.27	-5.3	▼	▼	-7.1	-74.6	▣▣▣	-26.6	... 4.1
Gen Dynamics	GD	146.53	↗	214.70	213.10	2.20	1.0	▲	▲	2.2	42.3	▣▣▣	5.5	19 2.2
Gen Electric	GE	85.12	↗	116.17	103.16	1.76	1.7	▲	▼	9.2	11.0	▣▣▣	-14.1	... 0.3
Hartford Fn Sv	HIG	47.47	↗	78.17	72.45	0.39	0.5	▲	▲	4.9	42.3	▣▣▣	10.2	12 2.1
Honeywell Intl	HON	194.55	↗	236.86	217.65	1.90	0.9	▲	▲	4.4	7.8	▣▣▣	15.9	31 1.8
Horizon Tech Fin	HRZN	12.23	↗	19.08	16.27	0.27	1.7	▲	▲	2.2	29.0	▣▣▣	15.0	11 7.4
Infosys Ltd	INFY	16.88	↗	26.39	26.20	2.00	8.3	▲	▲	3.5	41.1	▣▣▣	30.3	40 ...
Inovío Pharmaceut	INO	4.47	↗	19.00	4.75	0.14	3.0	▼	▼	-4.8	-50.0	▣▣▣	-8.0	... 1.1
Intel Corp	INTC	47.87	↗	68.49	55.70	2.26	4.2	▲	▲	8.2	-1.1	▣▣▣	10.7	11 2.5

Notes on data: Total returns, shown for periods 1-year or greater, include dividend income and change in market price. Three-year and five-year returns annualized. Three year return shown for stocks trading less than five years (indicated by "a"). Ellipses indicate data not available. Price-earnings ratio unavailable for closed-end funds and companies with net losses over prior four quarters. Rank classifies a stock's performance relative to all U.S.-listed shares, from top 20 percent (■■■■) to bottom 20 percent (■■■■).

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Fidelity Inv Money Market/Instit			0.05	\$10 mil.	(800) 544-6666
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JPMorgan Tax Free MMF/Instit			0.02	\$10 mil.	(800) 766-7722
CONSUMER RATES	NAT'L AVG	WK AGO		NAT'L AVG	WK AGO
48 month new car loan	3.51	3.41	Money market account	0.07	0.07
60 month new car loan	3.62	3.52	1 year CD	0.28	0.28
\$30K Home equity loan	6.48	6.46	3 year CD	0.34	0.34
30 year fixed mortgage	3.52	3.44	5 year CD	0.42	0.42
15 year fixed mortgage	2.84	2.69	Savings interest	0.23	0.23

DOW 30

		FRIDAY CLOSE	\$CHG 1WK	PCT CHANGE 1WK	PCT CHANGE 1MO	PCT CHANGE 1YR	
	TICKER						
1.	Microsoft Corp	MSFT	310.20	-3.84	-1.2	-4.2	 149.2
2.	Amer Express	AXP	168.40	-5.94	-3.4	5.2	 144.9
3.	Home Depot	HD	372.00	-21.61	-5.5	-4.1	 143.3
4.	Chevron Corp	CVX	128.96	3.93	3.1	13.5	 142.1
5.	Cisco Syst	CSCO	61.36	0.23	0.4	1.5	 138.9
6.	Apple Inc	AAPL	173.07	0.90	0.5	1.1	 137.0
7.	UnitedHealth Group	UNH	468.69	10.09	2.2	-3.8	 134.1
8.	Goldman Sachs Grp	GS	380.94	-16.57	-4.2	-0.2	 131.3
9.	McDonalds Corp	MCD	257.71	9.35	-3.5	-1.5	 125.8
10.	CocaCola Co	KO	61.39	1.06	1.8	6.3	 124.2
11.	JPMorgan Chase	JPM	157.89	-9.27	-5.5	0.7	 122.8
12.	Travelers Cos	TRV	163.21	-3.03	-1.8	3.2	 118.5
13.	Procter & Gamble	PG	159.81	-2.93	-1.8	1.5	 118.5
14.	Dow Jones industrial average		35911.81	-319.85	-0.9	+1.5	 +116.5
15.	Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	54.30	0.46	0.9	11.2	 116.4
16.	Caterpillar Inc	CAT	228.94	4.75	2.1	13.7	 114.8
17.	IBM	IBM	134.21	-0.62	-0.5	5.3	 113.6
18.	3M Company	MMM	178.74	-1.21	-0.7	2.3	 111.3
19.	Salesforce.com Inc	CRM	231.23	2.92	1.3	-8.6	 110.4
20.	Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	167.84	-1.61	-3.5	-0.2	 110.0
21.	Intel Corp	INTC	55.70	2.26	4.2	10.0	 7.3
22.	Honeywell Intl	HON	217.65	1.50	0.9	6.1	 6.3
23.	Merck & Co	MRK	81.38	1.08	1.3	7.5	 5.8
24.	Nike Inc B	NKE	148.18	-8.79	-5.6	-8.2	 5.7
25.	Boeing Co	BA	225.96	10.46	4.9	17.3	 4.3
26.	Visa Inc	V	214.67	-2.29	-1.1	1.3	 3.9
27.	Dow Inc	DOW	60.74	1.64	2.8	12.3	 1.7
28.	Amgen	AMGN	235.36	8.07	3.6	5.8	 0.9
29.	Verizon Comm	VZ	53.28	-0.96	-1.8	0.2	 -2.2
30.	WalMart Strs	WMT	145.06	0.17	0.1	4.5	 -2.2
31.	Disney	DIS	151.91	-5.89	-3.7	2.1	 -10.3

30 BIGGEST FUNDS

FUND	ASSETS (in billions)	TICKER	PCT RETURN			
			1WK	1MO	1YR	RANK 5YRS*
Vanguard 500 Index Admiral	\$453	VFIAX	-0.3	0.7	24.6	17.5
Vanguard Total Stock Instl	341	VTSAX	-0.4	0.2	19.8	16.9
Vanguard Total Intl Stock Idx	199	VTGTX	1.0	3.6	5.2	9.3
Vanguard Instl Index Plus	176	VIIIX	-0.3	0.7	24.6	17.6
American Growth Fd of America	143	AGTHX	-0.6	-2.1	10.8	18.8
Vanguard Total Stock Index	135	VTSMX	-0.4	0.2	19.7	16.8
Fidelity Contrafund	128	FCNTX	-0.7	-2.9	19.5	20.6
Vanguard Institutional Stock Index	128	VINIX	-0.3	0.7	24.6	17.5
American Balanced	105	ABALX	0.2	1.1	13.3	10.9
Dodge & Cox Stock	96	DODGX	2.0	8.0	29.5	14.8
American Income Fd of America	85	AMECX	0.4	3.3	14.9	9.3
American Investment Co. Amer	81	AIVSX	0.0	1.1	21.3	13.9
American Washington Mutual	79	AWSHX	-0.2	1.9	23.8	14.6
American Fundamental Investor	70	ANCFX	0.1	1.2	17.3	14.6
American Capital Income Bldr	68	CAIBX	0.8	4.0	13.5	8.2
American New Perspective	67	ANWPX	-0.5	0.1	9.8	18.3
American CapWorld Growth/Inc	62	CWIGX	0.2	2.1	10.3	12.3
PIMCO Total Return Instl	57	PTTRX	-0.2	-1.6	-1.7	3.7
Fidelity Blue Chip Growth	52	FBGRX	-1.3	-4.6	11.3	26.8
Fidelity Growth Company	51	FDGRX	-1.3	-5.4	9.9	27.3
Vanguard Windsor II Admiral	47	VWNAX	0.8	3.1	25.2	15.1
American AMCAP	44	AMCPX	-1.2	-3.5	14.2	15.6
Dodge & Cox International Stock	44	DODFX	3.3	9.8	11.3	7.7
American SmallCap World	39	FBALX	-0.2	0.0	13.9	14.1
American SmallCap World	37	SMCWX	-1.8	-3.5	-1.7	15.4
FrankTemp Income	36	FKINX	0.4	4.0	16.4	7.7
Fidelity Magellan	31	FMAGX	-1.5	-5.2	20.0	18.1
American Bond Fund of America	30	ABNDX	-0.3	-1.7	-1.9	3.7
Fidelity Puritan	29	FPURX	-0.2	-0.9	14.3	13.6
Fidelity Low-Priced Stock	27	FLPSX	0.7	3.9	18.7	12.9

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What’s new for 2022?

It may have taken a brutal 22 months of a pandemic to do it, but when it comes to personal finances, there is one silver lining of the New Year: 84% of Americans say that they have learned to stop worrying about what they can’t control. That tidbit was just one data point that jumped out from the Fidelity Investments Annual Financial Resolutions Study for 2022.

Before we get too jazzed about these results, the survey was conducted Oct. 18-24, 2021, long before we all had to learn how to pronounce omicron. That said, one positive outcome of enduring the near two-year COVID era is that when faced with a financial crisis, we now understand that the old saying “KISS” — “Keep It Simple Stupid” — really works. When encountering a difficult financial crunch, the Fidelity respondents said that the best solution is to reduce expenses (54%) and then to dip into those precious and vital emergency savings (39%). Notably, the survey also found that compared to last year, stress levels — those things keeping people up at night — have “significantly decreased.”

We don’t know why financial stressors are down, but the government’s massive stimulus efforts have helped a lot. The extra money, along with surging economic growth and job opportunities aplenty, has helped many to let go of money-related anxieties. The combination has also boosted our general moods, with 72% of respondents confident that they’ll be in a better financial position in 2022 and six in 10 Americans optimistic about the future. Despite the more upbeat outlook, Americans are concerned about rising prices, with respondents citing inflation as the top concern for 2022. For workers, it’s time to ask the boss for raise. This is a tight labor market, with 11 million job openings, which means that the power has shifted from employers to workers. To use the newfound leverage, conduct research for your industry and your specific job to find out the range of what people like you earn. Respectfully ask your boss if she can do better for you and if not, it may be time to seek another position.

For retirees, it’s more difficult because while you will see a 5.9% increase in Social Security benefits, Medicare Part B, which covers doctors and outpatient care, will jump by a whopping 14.55%. As a result, 2022 may not be a great year to assist those adult children.

Finally, the one aspect of what’s new in 2022 is what is not new. Diane Swonk, Grant Thornton chief economist, said that “living through the pandemic has been a bit like being Bill Murray’s character in the 1993 film ‘Groundhog Day.’ We emerged from the first wave of infections and lockdowns hoping to return to the world we left behind only to realize we were entering a loop of recurring infections and disruptions that proved hard to escape.”

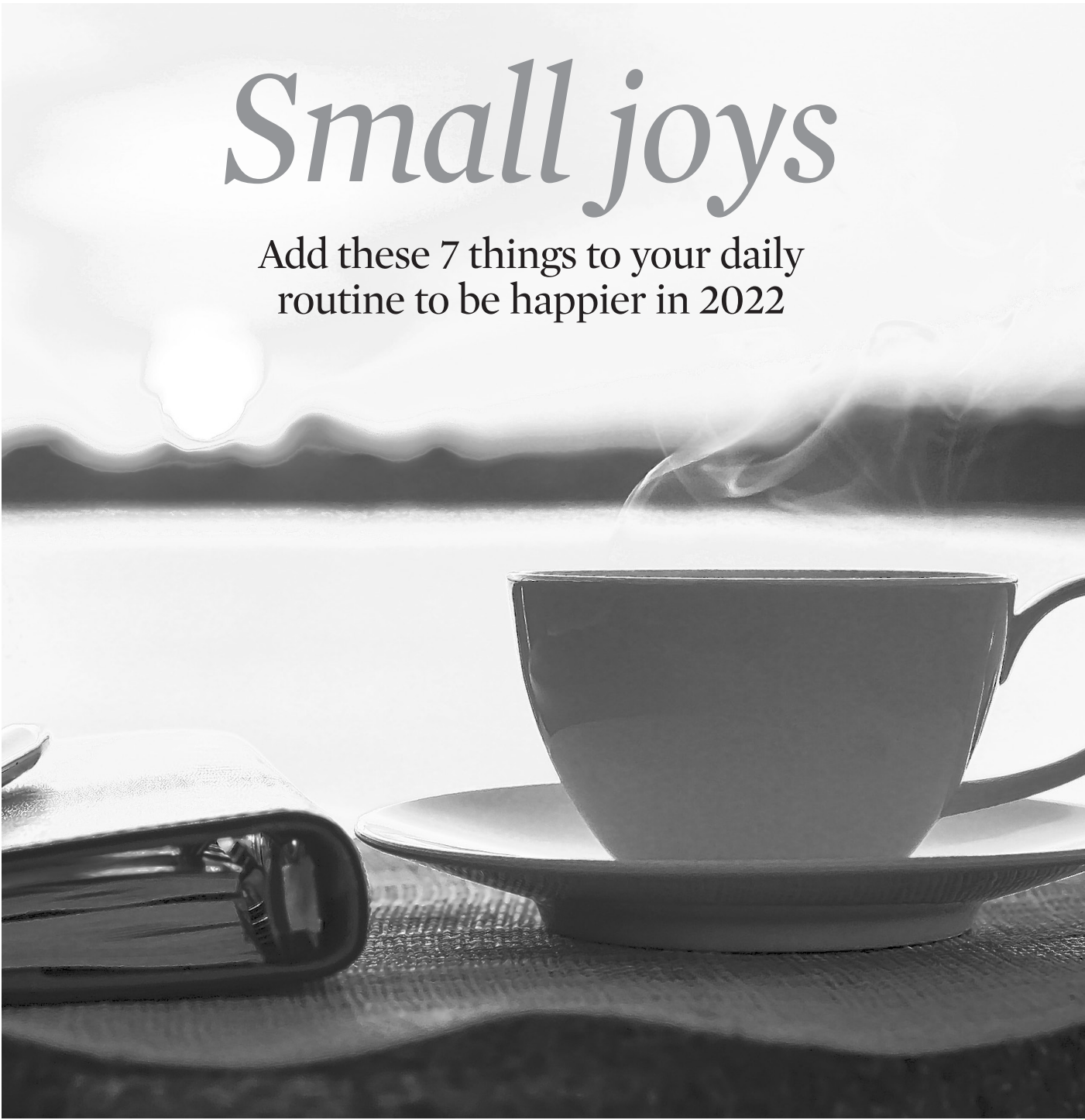
As the world adjusts to yet another variant, it’s time to address financial resolutions in a more informed way. The COVID period has provided a crash course in how to identify financial priorities, and it has also shown us which expenses are critical and which are not. When I talk about resolutions, I usually trot out my “Big Three”: ■ Fund an emergency reserve that can cover six to 12 months of your living expenses. ■ Reduce credit card or other high interest debt. ■ Fund retirement plans to the best of your ability, especially if you have a company match.

Until the pandemic, I advocated an equal weight for each of the three. But what’s new in 2022 is that funding the emergency reserve should take precedence over the other two.

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Small joys

Add these 7 things to your daily routine to be happier in 2022



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What will you focus on in 2022? Whatever your other plans and ambitions may be, one of them should be this: to be happier this coming year. The pandemic years of 2020 and 2021 have been tough, and just when things were starting to look better, the highly contagious omicron variant appeared to interrupt our holiday plans.

With all this going on, and especially if you’ve lost a loved one, or a relationship, or a job this year, trying to be happy may be the last thing on your mind. It shouldn’t be.

For my book “Career Self-Care,” coming out this summer, I interviewed Gretchen Rubin, author of “The Happiness Project” and other bestsellers, who’s studied the whole question of happiness more than anyone I know.

She reminded me that even back in the 19th century, Robert Louis Stevenson wrote, “There is no duty we so much underrate as the duty of being happy.”

He had a point because, as Rubin has noted, research shows that happy people are more responsible, more successful and less likely to commit crimes. They better maintain relationships and are more likely to volunteer and to give to charity. In other words, if you’re happy, you’re probably both more successful and more liable to make the world a better place.

I hope I’ve convinced you that whatever your priorities are for 2022, your own happiness should be high on that list. How do you become happier? There are many answers to that question.

For now, I’d like to focus on changing our daily lives and routines. Obviously, on any given day, most of us do things because we have to. We brush our teeth so we won’t get cavities. We do our jobs so that we will get paid. We clean house at least a little, prepare or purchase meals, and so on.

Mixed in with all these obligations should be lots of things we do for pleasure, things that make us happy just by doing them, small joys that may be insignificant by themselves, but that in the aggregate can lift our spirits, help us function better and ultimately make us happier. Here are

some things that I believe fill that bill. I invite you to try them out, or to make a happiness list of your own.

1. Savor your favorite morning beverage

Something like 80% of the world imbibes some form of caffeine every day. Maybe that’s you, or maybe you prefer herbal tea or even just water. Whatever it is, that first drink of a hot (or cold) beverage each day is a small but definite pleasure for most of us. Even if it’s just for a few seconds, pause, sip and ease yourself into the day. Of course, if you can take a few minutes to sit down and really enjoy your drink, that’s even better.

2. Get outdoors

Getting outdoors, whether you’re walking, running, biking or just sitting on your own porch, is a small joy for most people. That can be true even if you only do it for a few minutes before going back inside out of the cold. Going outside literally widens our perspective, too, helping us take things more in stride. It works even better if you can visit a park or anyplace else where there’s nature.

3. Talk with someone you care about

Research shows that loneliness and isolation are so bad for you, they can literally take years off your life. And that spending time with someone you care about, or at least communicating with someone you care about, is one of the most powerful methods there is for feeling better. So even if you live alone, or are so busy that you and the others in your household barely see each other, make sure to reach out to someone you care about at least once a day. It could be by text or phone or video chat or some other method. It doesn’t have to be in person. But the more you can make a real connection, the more joy you may feel.

4. Take a nap

Napping isn’t for everyone. And a

lengthy nap can leave you with sleep inertia, aka grogginess. But a brief nap of 10 to 30 minutes can improve your mental function, memory and problem-solving ability, as well as improve your mood. It’s absolutely worth building in those few minutes of naptime into the day if you can.

5. Read a good book

There’s evidence that reading books provides an amazing host of health and brain benefits, including possibly increased longevity. The important thing is to pick a book you will enjoy reading — the kind of book you look forward to diving into and hate to set down. Make sure it brings you joy and if it doesn’t, give yourself permission to set it aside and choose a different book.

6. Laugh

Laughing is really good for you. Every day, try to find something to at least make you chuckle. If you don’t know of anything, ask your friends to send you funny YouTube clips and jokes, or invest in a subscription to the Funny Times. Or try laughing yoga, in which people get together and just start laughing, until the strangeness of doing so catches up with them, and they start guffawing for real.

7. Spend a little time doing nothing

Research increasingly tells us there are big benefits to being a little less busy and spending a little more time doing nothing — or at least nothing more productive than staring out a window. For one thing, even if it feels like you’re doing nothing, your brain will leap into action, working out your most important problems and making connections in ways that it can’t when you’re busy doing something.

You need this do-nothing time to recharge your batteries, which is why people report increased clarity and productivity after such breaks. So find a way to be lazy that works for you and sink into the pleasure of inactivity, at least for a little while. It may make you more productive later on. Most importantly, you deserve it.



I asked what kind of family Amina wanted. She said, ‘A family like yours.’ That’s when I knew I had to adopt her.

Denise, adopted 17-year-old Amina



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Are you paying too much for your car loan?



Elliot Raphaelson
The Savings Game

In a recent feature on auto debt, Consumer Reports made the case that many car buyers, even those with good credit ratings, pay very high interest rates for their car loans.

According to a study conducted by the magazine analyzing 858,000 loans, 21,000 car buyers who had a credit score of 660 or higher were paying 10% or more APR on their car loans; the average interest rate for those car buyers with such a high credit score ranged from 3.73% to 5.94%.

There is no good reason why a car buyer with a good credit score should be paying 10% interest or more for a new car. Unfortunately, car dealers are under no obligation to offer the lowest interest rate available for a loan. Dealers can solicit multiple offers for a car loan, but it is possible they will not offer the best rate to their customers. Their profit margin can increase if they offer their customer a loan with a higher interest rate.

There are many things that a car buyer can do to get the lowest interest rate. Whenever I purchase a car, whether it is new or used, I obtain an agreement, in advance, from my bank or credit union regarding the interest rate and time frame for the car loan.

For example, I have found that my credit union, Penn Fed, generally offers me the best interest rate, whether it is for a new car or a used car. When I make my final vehicle selection, I let the dealer know the interest rate I have already negotiated in advance. I indicate that if they can offer me a better interest rate, I would use their lender; otherwise I would not. The dealer then has no incentive to offer me a rate that is higher than the rate I have already negotiated in advance.

Too many car buyers don't do their homework regarding interest rates before selecting a car. That is a mistake. If you are in the market for a car, new or used, you should first verify that your credit rating is up to date. At no cost,



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every year you can request the latest credit report to ensure there are no mistakes in it. Visit AnnualCreditReport.com for your report. You can obtain a credit report from the three major credit agencies. If there are any errors, have them corrected as soon as possible. Any errors you identify must be corrected within 30 days. Most errors can be corrected within 10 to 14 days.

There are steps you can take to improve your credit score before you apply for a loan. For example, you should pay off any accounts that are late in payments; you should also consider paying off any loans that have small balances, especially if the interest rates are high. You could also cancel any accounts you are not using that you don't intend to use in the near future. These steps should improve your credit rating and result in the best interest rates for

your subsequent loan.

Making a large down payment will reduce the total amount of interest you will pay over the life of the loan. A good rule of thumb is that your car debt should not exceed 10% of your net income. CR reported that one in eight cars are repossessed because of late payments. Naturally, you should not agree to a loan in which you can't afford the payments based on your other regular budget expenses.

Again, the best way to get a car loan is to get a commitment in advance from your bank or credit union based on your up-to-date credit rating. Then, when you discuss financing with your car dealer, you will be sure to get the best credit terms for your loan.

Elliot Raphaelson welcomes questions and comments at raphelliot@gmail.com.

RETIREMENT

A guide to 401(k) plans

By Emma Patch
Kiplinger's Personal Finance

If your employer offers a 401(k) plan, it's your primary ticket to a comfortable, secure retirement.

There are limits on how much you can contribute, but they're generous. In 2022, you can save up to \$20,500 in your 401(k) plan — up from \$19,500 in 2021. (Workers age 50 or older can put in an additional \$6,500.) And contributions are deducted from taxable income, so you get even more bang from your bucks.

When you're just starting out, maxing out your contribution can be a challenge. The general rule of thumb when it comes to saving in your 401(k) is to try to contribute 12% to 15% of your gross income. If that's too much, resolve to put in at least enough to qualify for your company's matching contributions.

Most large companies offer a match — typically, an employer will contribute from 50 cents to \$1 for every \$1 the employee puts in, up to the first 6% of pay. If you're unsure how much you need to contribute to get the match, ask your human resources department or the plan provider.

If your company doesn't offer a match, or if the company contribution isn't dependent on your contribution, saving 3% of your pay is usually a good place to start, says Samantha Gorelick, a certified financial planner based in New York City. Once you've created an emergency fund and paid down high-interest debt, you can focus on increasing the amount of



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your 401(k) contributions.

Some companies have auto-escalation clauses in their 401(k) plans, which means they'll automatically increase your contribution over time. You can usually opt out of auto-escalation, but increasing your contributions will go a long way toward helping you reach your retirement goals. "We recommend potentially increasing the contribution by 1% every six to 12 months," Gorelick said. Consider increasing your contribution rate every time you receive a raise or bonus.

There are two kinds of 401(k) plans: the traditional 401(k) and the Roth 401(k). As mentioned above, contributions to a traditional 401(k) are made with pretax dollars. That means you'll avoid taxes now and instead pay taxes on the money when you take it out.

With a Roth 401(k), contributions are

made with after-tax money, but withdrawals are tax- and penalty-free, as long as you've had the account for five years and are at least 59 ½ when you take out the money. If you receive matching contributions from your employer, they'll go into a traditional 401(k) account.

There are a number of reasons to opt for a Roth 401(k), or to have a combination of both types of plans. Investing in a Roth 401(k) while you're young will provide more time for your investments to grow tax-free rather than just tax-deferred. And unlike Roth IRAs, Roth 401(k) plans aren't subject to income limits, making them a good option for high earners who are ineligible to contribute to a Roth IRA.

Emma Patch is a staff writer at Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine.



Terry Savage
The Savage Truth

Get ready for taxes again

Well, here's a topic I hate to bring up this early in the year, but it's time to think about filing your 2021 income taxes sometime in the next two months. Because of holidays, the official tax filing deadline this spring will be April 18. But the IRS forms will be made available in the next two weeks so you can start the process.

Yes, I know that many of you haven't even received your 2020 tax refunds from the return you filed last spring. It's no secret that the IRS is bogged down. A recent Wall Street Journal article highlighted the problems the IRS is having — delayed refunds, slow updates on their website and employees that cannot help, even if you do reach them by telephone.

Eric Smith, IRS spokesperson, attributed the delays to some issues that go beyond not having personnel in the IRS offices. He noted that the tax law changed after many people filed last January (one example: the elimination of taxes paid on the first \$10,200 of unemployment benefits in 2020), which required extensive hands-on processing.

Note: For 2021, the year just ended, ALL unemployment benefits are taxable as ordinary income.

Delayed refunds: In addition to the retroactive change in taxation of unemployment benefits, the IRS had to cross-check the eligibility for stimulus payments. All that bogged the IRS down and delayed refunds to millions still waiting.

The good news is that if you filed by May 17 last year, you will receive 3% interest on the amount the IRS owes you. (If you filed later, perhaps because of an extension, the formula on interest is a bit more complicated.) But your eventual refund check (or direct deposit) will include interest.

Smith warns against filing an amended return if you haven't yet received your refund. That will only slow the process exponentially.

Stimulus payments: The IRS will be sending out a letter in January, letting you know how much it sent you in stimulus payments last year. This is NOT taxable income but will remind you of what you received, and help you file for the stimulus or for more money, if deserved, when you file your 2021 return.

Child tax credit: The big change this past year in the amount of the credit and how it was distributed will likely cause huge hassles. The credit was increased and paid monthly — in advance — starting for most people last July, with up to 6 months of the credit sent out.

In January, the IRS will mail a letter informing recipients of the child tax credit how much money they received, so they can file for the remainder of the credit by filing a 2021 tax return (even if they didn't earn enough money to be required to file). I'm betting the IRS (or Congress) will come up with a simpler solution in the coming months, likely continuing the monthly credit payments.

Again, the child tax credit is not considered income for tax purposes.

Quarterly estimated payments: You need to make estimated payments if you expect to owe at least \$1,000 in income tax after withholding and refundable credits; or if you expect your withholding and refundable credits to be less than the 100% of the taxes you paid the prior year, or 90% of the taxes owed the current year. If you don't make estimated payments, you could be in for a penalty. This is the time to carefully review your tax situation and make a quarterly estimated tax payment by this year's Jan. 18 deadline. Consult your tax adviser.

RMDs for 2022: All those who have reached age 72 will be required to take a required minimum distribution from traditional retirement accounts. The amount will be based on the value of your IRAs at the end of 2021 — a few days ago! Keep the year-end balances online or on statements you are receiving now.

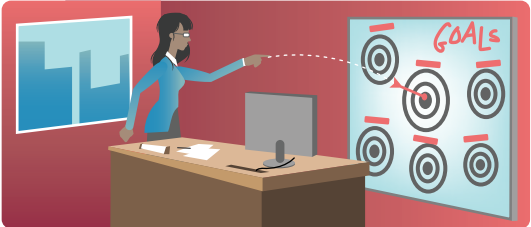
Then immediately calculate your RMD, which must be taken by year-end 2022 — either in a lump sum before year end, or as an automatic monthly check to spread out the withdrawals. Be sure to have your custodian withhold income taxes.

Finally, this spring is the time to finally file electronically and request direct deposit of refunds. Starting tax filing season now for 2021 — and planning for 2022 — can save a lot of tax hassles. And that's The Savage Truth.

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Four strategies successful goal-achievers do consistently well

Of the 41% of Americans who make New Year's resolutions, only 9% were successful in keeping them. If you want to break the cycle of your own annual quitting ritual, do what the other 9% of successful goal-setters and goal-achievers do consistently well.



1. Set specific and challenging goals

Research found that when people followed these two principles — setting specific and challenging goals — it led to higher performance 90% of the time. The more specific and challenging your goals, the higher your motivation toward hitting them.



2. Set goals that you want to pursue with relentless drive and passion

Questions to ask yourself: How badly do I want it? Who's holding me accountable to the end? Is my heart truly in it from the start? What's life going to look like once I complete the goal? In the end, will it be worth it?



3. Get a support system

Successful goal-achievers benefit tremendously from feedback and accountability from coaches, trainers, or trusted friends. They surround themselves with those who will support them on their journey.



4. Focus on smaller goals to hit your big goal

To hit a big goal this year, work on several smaller chunks to complete that one, big goal. Focus on knocking one small chunk down at a time, then move on to the next one. As you break the big goal down into smaller chunks, each of those chunks should have its own deadlines.

To bring it home, remember the words of Aristotle, who nailed it more than 2000 years ago when he said, "We are what we repeatedly do." By practicing these skills, expect to dramatically improve your rate of finishing the year on target.

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OBITUARIES BY TOWN

Avon

Michael S. Delnegro
Carolyn E. England

Berlin

Martha Bowman

Bloomfield

Alice M. Jiles
Nellie V. Malawitz
Anthony B. Mckenzie

Bristol

John Beaulieu, Jr.
Jeffrey Parker

Cromwell

Liberato Iacobucci
Joanne M. Niedbala
Linda J. Roming - Tucker

East Granby

Thomas Trumbull

East Hampton

Thomas Trumbull

East Hartford

Stephen J. Allen
Edie L. Bellefleur
Anna Cassarino
Robert Jamieson
Patricia C. Parsons

Enfield

Stephen J. Allen
Peter M. Burns Sr.

Farmington

Donato Cefaratti
Carolyn E. England

Glastonbury

Leo J. Albert
Arthur W. Bouchard
Carl H. Jahn
Armand A. Maccarone
Constance Mazzarella
Barbara B. Ross
Priscilla C. Smith

Hartford

Arthur W. Bouchard
Peter M. Burns Sr.
Beverly B. Colangelo
Alice M. Jiles
Carl J. Liba, Sr.
Anthony B. Mckenzie
Jeffrey S. Payne
Carl P. Robertson
Vicenza "Zena" Scotella
Priscilla C. Smith
Estelle Springer
Lynne A. Thomas

Hebron

Alphonse J. Atpins

Marlborough

Donna P. Carlson

Meriden

John I. Brainard

Middletown

Howard L. L.
Chaffee, Jr.
Nancy J. Tibbals
Linda Zaklukiewicz

New Britain

Donato Cefaratti
Constance Mazzarella
Barbara A. Morris
Joanne M. Niedbala

Newington

Kallie Bonatsakis
Martha Bowman
Donald S. Kuzoian
Jeannette Lachance
Vicenza "Zena" Scotella
Joanne Vannuccini

Old Lyme

Carol Dorman

Old Saybrook

Linda J. Roming - Tucker
Elizabeth Terray

Other Towns in CT

John Beaulieu, Jr.
Therese Bentley
Gail A. Blais
John I. Brainard
John J. Buckridge
John M. Darcey
Antoinette R. Dooley
Edward Fedorowich, Jr.
Sara N. Jacob
Richard W. Jenks
Harold G. Skinner
Jane Sutcliffe
Mark Wagenbrenner

Out of State

Richard W. Jenks
Mark F Klosowski

Plainville

Jeffrey Parker
Diane J. Pestillo

Rocky Hill

Lane Albanese
Michael Camilleri
Lorraine Ferraris
Armand A. Maccarone

Simsbury

Sara N. Jacob

South Windsor

Clairanne E. Hurst
Mark F Klosowski

Southington

John J. Buckridge
Michael S. Delnegro
Michael P. Dennison
Diane J. Pestillo
Mark Wagenbrenner

Suffield

Clairanne E. Hurst

Tolland

Anna Cassarino
Jane Sutcliffe

Vernon

Antoinette R. Dooley

West Hartford

Lane Albanese
Beverly B. Colangelo
John M. Darcey
Joan W. Grenham
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Clover Hughie-Scott
Jacqueline Ilg

Wethersfield

Liberato Iacobucci
Pamela Kennedy-Harris
Donald S. Kuzoian
Jeannette Lachance
Carl J. Liba, Sr.
Lynne A. Thomas

Windsor

James R. Bogard
Jacqueline Ilg

OUT OF STATE

Mark F Klosowski
Oakland Park, Florida
Armand A. Maccarone
Hartford
Jeffrey S. Payne
Bridgeport, CT
Mark Wagenbrenner
Ashford

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OBITUARIES

Terray, Elizabeth

Elizabeth (Betty) Shuttleworth Terray, 97, wife of the late Dr. Daniel M. Terray Sr., a lifelong resident of Old Saybrook, CT, passed away peacefully at her home. Betty was born on May 25th, 1924 in Stamford, to the late Walter Francis Shuttleworth and Harriet Marion Ash Shuttleworth. Betty and Dan raised all of their 5 children in the family homestead in Old Saybrook. Betty worked as a Veterinary Tech in Stamford for many years until joining her husband Dan, a well known and respected Chiropractor in Old Saybrook as his Office Manager. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother and will be deeply missed. Betty is survived by her children; Laurie Elizabeth Sizemore (R. Tom Sizemore III, MD) of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Kimberly Ann Whinnem (Richard "Rick") of Bloomfield, Dr. Daniel Terray, Jr. (Kate) of Old Saybrook; Corinne Alice Kilty (Patrick) of Chester, Dr. Amy Louise Terray (Harry "Paul" Amara) of Old Saybrook and Grandchildren, Michael Pearson Beele, Kevin Scott Beele, Ian Patrick Kilty, Sage Elizabeth Arpaia, Matthew Daniel H. Terray, Nicholas Peters Terray, Ruby Amara, Penny Amara and Bella Amara; Great Grandchildren Ryan Daniel Beele and Pearson John Beele. The family would like to express their deep gratitude to Betty's caregivers and the Guilford VNA Community Healthcare & Hospice staff for their wonderful care. Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM in the Swan Funeral Home, 1224 Boston Post Rd., Old Saybrook, CT 06475. Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, January 19th from 10:00AM to11:00 AM at the Swan Funeral Home, followed by a burial in Cypress Cemetery in Old Saybrook. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Guilford VNA Healthcare & Hospice Program, Guilford, CT or the Valley Shore Animal Welfare League, Westbrook, CT.

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Tibbals, Nancy J.



Nancy Joyce Tibbals, 91, passed away on January 7, 2022 at The Village of South Farms in Middletown, CT. Nancy was born on November 19, 1930 in Wethersfield, CT, the daughter of Sidney Grant Proper and Olive Lohmes Proper. She graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School, Middletown, CT and received her undergraduate degree from Wheaton College and library science master degrees from Southern CT State College and Wesleyan University. While raising her children she had a 25-year career as a librarian working at The Edna C. Stevens Elementary School in Cromwell, CT and Coginchaug Regional High School. Nancy enjoyed theater, playing bridge, traveling, and spending time at the beach in Westbrook, CT. She was an avid reader and was particularly fond of British history, biographies and John LeCarré spy novels. Nancy was predeceased by her husband of 62 years, Gilbert Gaylord Tibbals and her sister, Barbara Jane Proper. She is survived by her children: David Tibbals and wife Elaine of Rye, NY, Samuel Tibbals of Westbrook, CT, Tracy Eccles and husband, Robert, of Groton, CT and her grandchildren Meredith and Ian Tibbals and Anna and Michael Eccles. The family will hold a private remembrance ceremony. Sam, David and Tracy would like to extend very special thanks to the staff at the Village of South Farms for their dedication and caring compassion. To share memories or send condolences to the family, please visit www.doolittlefuneralservice.com.

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Liba, Sr., Carl J.



Carl J. Liba, Sr., 84, of Wethersfield, Conn., formerly of Westport, died Monday, January 10, 2022, at Amberwoods of Farmington. Carl was born in Luzerne, Pa., to Stephen C. and Helen (Phillips/Filips) Liba. A graduate of Bullard-Havens Technical High School, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Connecticut while also completing training in the U.S. Army Reserve Officer Training Corps. Carl was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Air Defense Artillery. He obtained a one-year reporting delay to work in California on the construction of the Oroville Dam, then proceeded to Basic Officer Training. During his Army service, he attended gunnery training aboard the U.S. Navy destroyer USS Charles H. Roan; later, he commanded Camp Wellfleet, an air defense gunnery training site on Cape Cod. He ultimately attained the rank of Captain.
After military service, Carl joined the New York Central System in New York, N.Y. He worked in Operations Management, Transportation Engineering, and Market Analysis, eventually becoming manager of the Central's Construction Industry Services. Among Carl's noteworthy projects was the development and implementation of the Central's Flexi-Flo cement distribution program. When the New York Central System merged with the Pennsylvania Railroad in 1968, Carl was courted by the newly formed Penn Central, but he chose instead to venture out on his own as a consultant. In 1970, he joined the transportation management consultancy Reebie Associates, where he worked to facilitate better transport of raw materials and goods in the U.S. and Canada. His expertise led to numerous leadership roles, including president of the Transportation Research Forum, expert witness at transportation-related Congressional hearings, and guest lecturer at universities in the U.S. and Canada.
For 45 years, Carl resided in Westport with his wife and family. During that time, he was an active member of St. Luke Parish, serving several terms as chairman of the parish finance committee and participating in the weekly Faith Forum discussion group. In retirement, Carl joined the Y's Men of Westport/Weston, enjoying the lectures, trips, and bowling. He kept the bird feeders filled and loved watching the birds they attracted.
Carl was rarely found without his camera. A lifelong railfan, he spent hours on evenings, weekends, and vacations at grade crossings and underpasses, stations and yards. He knew pathways down to the former New Haven Railroad line all along the Metro North corridor, and any business trip resulted in a new slide show of locomotives, rolling stock and railroad infrastructure. Carl was a monthly presenter at the Danbury Railway Museum and was often published in the New York Central System Historical Society's Central Headlight magazine.
Carl is survived by his wife of 58 years, Bernice (Jefferson) Liba; his children Kate (Catherine) Liba; Carl J. Liba, Jr.; Jonathan Liba and his wife, Tania Chacho; Margaret Gustafson and her husband, David; and Thomas Liba and his wife, Katie Crandall-Liba; grandchildren Sophie and Sam Gustafson, Anna and Karina Liba, and Parker, Elaina and Harrison Liba; his brother Gerald R. Liba and his wife, Barbara; and several nieces and nephews. Carl was predeceased by his parents and by his brother Stephen C. Liba, Jr.
The family extends heartfelt thanks to the staff members at Atria of Greenridge Place and Amberwoods of Farmington for their skilled and compassionate care for Carl, and to Corpus Christi/Christ the King Parish for welcoming Carl and Bernice when they moved to Wethersfield.
Private services will be held at D'Esopo Funeral Chapel and Corpus Christi Church in Wethersfield, with burial at All Saints Cemetery in North Haven, Conn.
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Danbury Railway Museum, 120 White Street, Danbury, CT 06810 (danburyrail.org) or the New York Central System Historical Society, P.O. Box 1597, Leesburg, VA 20177 (nycshs.org).
For online expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.

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Niedbala, Joanne Marie



Joanne Marie Niedbala, 76, sister of Joseph Stanley Niedbala, Jr. of Cromwell, passed away peacefully on January 8, 2022 at Pilgrim Manor in Cromwell at the end of a day she spent with family by her side. Joanne, or AJ, as she came to be known by family and friends, was born September 26, 1945 in New Britain to the late Joseph Niedbala and the late Stefania Niedbala (née Bednarz) in New Britain, CT. She lived most of her life in New Britain before residing in Portland and eventually Cromwell. She attended Sacred Heart School and St. Thomas Aquinas High School in New Britain and was a member of Sacred Heart Parish. As a young woman she was employed in the manufacturing industry, in particular American Hardware and Emhart, where she rose to be a department head—and a crucial member of their recreational bowling league. She retired early due to health reasons but maintained an active role in New Britain life. She volunteered at St. Lucian's Residence and the Monsignor Bojnowski Manor nursing home painting ceramics, and she provided rides to disabled people unable to drive. Joanne also served on New Britain's Commission on Persons With Disabilities; in 1995 Mayor Lucian J. Pawlak appointed her as chairwoman, a role she occupied for several years. Her activist work helped New Britain become nationally recognized for its focus on accessibility.

Joanne had many joys in life and was best known for her sense of humor and sharp wit—and for the latter, it was better to be her co-conspirator than her target. But she also had a disarming, self-deprecating humor, and she was not afraid to be silly, dressing up her cane (affectionately named Ralph) and later her walker (his name was Norton) for different seasons and festivities. In fact, crafts and decorations were her forte, and she could make themed holidays out of any small change in season. She was famous for her holiday cookies and breads, as well as her applesauce and soups. Joanne was a giving person, regularly cooking for an army and distributing her goods to family and neighbors as well as donating to local food banks and charities. She kept a vegetable garden with her father when she was young and continued to do so for decades after she lost him. She regularly watched Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy with her mother, and anyone who watched with them knew they would have won had they ever been contestants. She was a huge fan of UConn Huskies basketball, New Britain baseball, and the Boston Red Sox.
Joanne comes from a large extended yet close-knit family, too numerous to name in full here but very dear to her. In addition to her brother Joseph Niedbala and his wife Suzanne, she is survived and will be dearly missed by cousins Dorothy Hemingway of Waterford (who was more sister than cousin), James Pzynski and his wife Margaret of Florida, Francis Jacubiak of Meriden, and John Bednarz of South Windsor; cousins-in-law Shirley Pzynski and Milton Martin; and all of their children and grandchildren, whom she adopted as honorary nieces and nephews. She had a special relationship with her brother's children as well: niece Amanda Greenwell and her husband Robert of Wethersfield; nephew Daniel Niedbala and his wife Yuletz of Wethersfield; and nephew Gregory Niedbala and his wife Christine of Wethersfield; as well as all of their children—her "grandnephews" and "grandniece," as she referred to them, and in whom she took great delight.

She was predeceased by her parents, Joseph and Stefania Niedbala; her cousins Thomas Pzynski, Barbara Martin, James Niedbala, and Lassiter Parsons; and her cousins-in-law Theodore Jacubiak, Regina Bednarz, and Patrick Hemingway (whom we imagine giving her a big hug in heaven).

Joanne's family would like to express their deep gratitude to the Pilgrim Manor staff for their wonderful care and to her friends and neighbors at the Atrium in Portland for their many acts of kindness, support—and good-natured jabs that she treasured, and then gave right back to them.
Funeral services and liturgy will be on Saturday, January 22, 2022, at 9:30am at Sacred Heart Church in New Britain. Private burial will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to your local food bank or charity. And do something that makes you laugh.

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Darcey, John M.



John Milton Darcey died on January 9, 2022. Known to all as “Jack”, the only child of John and Mary Darcey, he was born in Winsted, CT on January 2, 1936. Jack grew up in Winsted, where he developed many long-standing friendships. He graduated from The Gilbert School there, after which he earned a Bachelor’s degree at Trinity College in Hartford, a Master’s Degree in Education at Johns Hopkins University and completed coursework for a Doctorate at New York University. He loved languages and taught Latin, Russian, and Spanish in Baltimore before returning to CT in 1958 and beginning to teach at Conard H.S. His heart was filled with the love of all things Spanish and he spent many school vacations in Spain over the years. His reputation for “leading the charge” in promoting the learning of languages led to his appointment as Supervisor of the Foreign Language Dept. in the West Hartford Public Schools. In this role, he created a direct exchange with schools in Madrid. While on hiatus due to COVID, this two-year exchange has continued until the present time and, over the years, hundreds of West Hartford students and Spanish students have spent several weeks during each of two summers increasing their language proficiency and experiencing each other’s culture while living with a host family. In recognition of Jack’s many initiatives promoting the study of the Spanish language and culture in the U.S., he was made a Knight of the Spanish Court by the former monarch, King Juan Carlos I. Very active professionally, he served on the boards of numerous foreign language organizations, including the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages and The Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages and was a Conference Chair for the latter. In November 2020, he was recognized by the National Network of Early Language Learning as a founder and supporter. At the State Level, he served as President of CT COLT (CT Council of Language Teachers), was a creator of the COLT Poetry Contest and Chair of the COLT Language Directors Group. He mentored many fledgling language teachers and encouraged students at every level to consider the teaching of languages as a career. Jack inherited a love of politics and after his retirement from the West Hartford Public Schools became an active member of the West Hartford Democratic Committee and served on the Board of Education, including two terms as Board Chair. Not feeling quite “finished” with teaching, Jack began a second teaching career at the University of Connecticut, where he taught beginning and intermediate levels of Spanish at the West Hartford Branch for an additional 15 years. At home, his lively, bilingual Boxers were always at his side with his beloved flower garden in view just outside. Jack had a curious mind and was a loyal and true friend. Always the consummate host, he arranged and prepared elegant dinner parties, especially during the Christmas holidays. He leaves many caring friends, both here and in Spain, among them Sergio Vega, his tireless companion and caregiver during his later years. His friends are grateful for the care provided Jack during this past year by Elvia Ulerio and Gladys Salcedo from Hartford Health Care Independence at Home and by Masonicare’s team, especially his RN case manager, Denise DeMarino and Mike Cobalt, his social worker. Friends will gather this spring to celebrate Jack’s life. For online condolences please visit www.ahernsfuneralhome.com.

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England, Carolyn E.Dailey



Carolyn Ellen (Dailey) England of Farmington, (formerly of Avon and Stamford) was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She left this world peacefully on January 12, 2022, at age 94 surrounded by her loved ones after a brief illness. She was born to the late Edward and Frances (Russell) Dailey on October 18, 1927, in Rockville. Carolyn met her loving husband George England roller skating not long after he came home from WWII and it was love at first sight. They wed on Leap Day in 1948 and enjoyed 74 years of a marriage full of affection and devotion that was evident to all who were fortunate enough to witness their love. She loved her job as head of the “family business” - raising four daughters and managing the England household. Carolyn was also very involved in her community. She acted as President of the Avon Newcomers Club, the Avon Encore Group and the Avon Garden Club. She was a volunteer Girl Scout Leader in Stamford. Carolyn had a variety of hobbies - she loved collecting antiques, gardening and reading. She was an early adopter of technology - a lover of her iPad, always reading up on the latest news / politics, shopping, social media and playing solitaire. When her children were young, spending time at their lake house was one of her favorite pastimes. In later years, the family enjoyed their summers in Kennebunkport, Maine. Those moments have given the family fond memories that they will cherish forever. When others think of Carolyn, they will remember her vivacious personality and wonderful sense of humor. She is remembered by her family for her love of life, laughter, dancing, storytelling - and for being a card shark. No hands were safe during a round of Slap Jack. Carolyn is survived by her devoted husband George England; daughters Cheryl England, Patricia Barry (Michael), Cynthia Gotaski (Tom), Janice England-Cirikovic (Mario); grandchildren Ryan Barry, Taylor Weishuhn (Luke), Mackenzie Johnson, Johnathan Gotaski, Jordan Gotaski (Kelsey), Adelina Cirikovic, Dante Cirikovic; and great granddaughter Madison Gotaski. She is predeceased by her infant son, Thomas England and a brother Edward Dailey, and sister Evelyn Dailey.

Family, friends, and others whose lives Carolyn has touched are invited to the Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center, 301 Country Club Rd, Avon, for a visitation from 10–11 a.m. on Thursday, January 20th. A service will follow at 11:00 a.m. Private burial will be held in East Cemetery, Manchester. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the McLean Foundation, Hospice Program, 75 Great Pond Road, Simsbury, CT 06070. To leave condolences for the family, directions, or for the link to view the service on line, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Vannuccini, Joanne (Blazek)



Joanne (Blazek) Vannuccini, 89, of Newington, died peacefully at home on Friday, Jan. 14, 2022, with her family by her side. She was the beloved wife of the late Richard L. Vannuccini, Sr. Born in New Britain, daughter of Stephen and Helen (Howard) Blazek, she was a Newington resident for over 60 years. Joanne received her Bachelor’s degree from St. Joseph College and her Master’s Degree from Fordham University in Psychology. For years, she was a proud teacher and then embarked on a career at the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities with the State of Connecticut. It was there that her commitment to advising and helping others shined in her role as a counselor. A Catholic, she was an active member of The Church of the Holy Spirit, where she was a Eucharistic Minister and a lector. She was also an instructor of public speaking for the Archdiocese of Hartford. She was a member of the Catholic Graduates Club of Greater Hartford, where she met her husband and there is where together, they shared a passion for dancing choreography and theater. Joanne was an avid sports fan and played tennis as member of the Newington-Wethersfield Tennis Center. She also enjoyed golfing and being a member of the Ladies 9 Holers League at Goodwin Park Golf Course. Joanne was a loving wife, mother and grandmother with family and faith at the center of her life. She loved and cared for her family deeply and that extended to many others she loved as well. Anyone that met Joanne experienced the fun, engaging, loving, caring “JoJo” who believed every person was important and special. She leaves three children, Richard L. Vannuccini, Jr. and his wife Janet of Kensington, Marcia A. Vannuccini and her husband William S. Fish Jr. of Cromwell, and Robert H. Vannuccini and his wife Jennifer of Flower Mound, TX; and five grandchildren, Brittany, Kyle, Gabriel, Ava, and Luke, several nieces and nephews; and three longtime dear friends, Nellie Romaine, Barbara Shey Hickey, and Peter Luchini, all of Wethersfield. She was predeceased by her brother Stephen Thomas Blazek, her sister Dorothy M. Blazek, and her aunt and uncle Kay and George Crowe. Relatives and friends are invited to a Mass of Christian Burial on Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022, at 10:00 am at The Church of the Holy Spirit, 183 Church St., Newington. She will be laid to rest beside her husband in West Meadow Cemetery following the mass. The Vannuccini family kindly requests that face masks are worn by all guests. A celebration of her life for family and friends will take place in the spring. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, P. O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005. Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington, is serving the family. To share your sorrow, please visit us at www.duksa.net.



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Bonatsakis, Kallie



A Wife, Mother, and perhaps most importantly of all, a Beloved “Yiyaya.” Kallie Bonatsakis, a woman of sublime charm, grace and kindness passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family. Born on February 9, 1928, to Nicolas and Eleni Stivaktakis, she was raised in the Hartford area and graduated from Newington High School. She embarked on a career working for the State of Connecticut, specifically as secretary to the presiding judges of the Juvenile Court. Articulate and meticulous, she was admired and respected during her thirty years of service for her dedication and strong work ethic. Her family was her greatest joy. In addition to her husband of seventy-three years, George Bonatsakis, Kallie leaves behind a daughter, Elaine Tsakiris, grandsons, John Tsakiris and Dimitri Bonatsakis, granddaughter Kara Tsakiris, and dearest great granddaughter Kaleigh Tsakiris. She was predeceased by her cherished son Michael Bonatsakis, beloved grandson George Bonatsakis, and loving brother Mike Stevas. Kallie’s life was full of loving friends and family. Notably, Peter Tsakiris, a son-in-law whom she loved and appreciated throughout her life, and Mika Bonatsakis, her late son’s wife who has always been a caring, devoted presence. In Greece, she leaves two beloved brothers and sisters in law. Spero and Antonia Bonatsakis and Nick and Niki Bonatsakis, in addition to many nieces and nephews. Locally, she leaves a treasure trove of devoted nieces and nephews, Nick and Caroline Stevas, Michael and Joanne Bonatsakis, Sterie and Demetri Pachis, Rose and Peter Vouthounes, Athena and Dale Spencer, and Maria and John Hatzidimitriou. Kallie enjoyed writing, and within her cards and letters, she so eloquently and touchingly shared her meaningful sentiments of gratitude, caring, and love. Her penmanship was impeccable marked by sheer finesse and élan. Upon receipt of an envelope addressed to you, you immediately knew it was from her- such flair, so distinctive, so Kallie! Our family’s heartfelt thanks and blessings to both Mika Bonatsakis and Mary Anton, who with their immeasurable love, provided my Mother, in her final weeks, a level of well-being and solace which will never be forgotten. Her family smiles with memories of a full life lived with dignity, pride and respect, memories which we will all hold near and dear to our hearts. Her life lives on in all of us. Perhaps it is serendipity, perhaps it was a message from her Angels, but Kallie chose to embark on her journey on 1/11/2022. 111, an Angel number, represents spiritual awakening and angelic guidance. I pray that my beloved Mother has found her rightful place amongst the Angels and God. The funeral service will be held on Tuesday January 18, 2022 11:00am at St George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 433 Fairfield Ave, Hartford Ct 06114, with the Reverend Dr. George Zugravu officiating. Burial will be private and will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. Visiting hours will be held Tuesday, prior to the service from 10:00am to 11:00am at St George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Hartford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Hartford. To express condolences online please visit www.dillonbaxter.com.



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Camilleri, Michael



Michael Joseph Camilleri 49 of Cromwell, peacefully passedaway on Thursday January 13, 2022, from Neuroendocrine Cancer. He was the son of Joseph and Patricia Camilleri of Rocky Hill. The brother of Steven Camilleri of Wethersfield and Janet Camilleri of Rocky Hill. He was born on December 28, 1972, and grew up in Rocky Hill. He was proud to be on the Wrestling team and was an all-state finalist. He always had a love of politics and reading from a young age. Michael attended Trinity College in Hartford and studied Sociology. During this time, he met his future wife, Terri. They were married on March 12, 1994. After Trinity he fulfilled his lifelong dream of becoming a lawyer. He enjoyed the class work and made lifelong friends. Michael graduated with Honors from UCONN Law School and didn’t even know until he saw the words Honors on the diploma. Michael and Terri lived in Cromwell and began their family. On March 26, 1999, Michaels’s dream of being a father came true. They had a daughter Elizabeth Ann, who did not survive birth. In 2001 they welcomed their daughter Megan Elizabeth. In 2004 they welcomed their daughter Jessica Lynn, and their family was complete. Michael took pride in his family and was always there to protect them. He always encouraged his daughters to be their best. Because of him, they will. Family was everything to Michael. He was a proud uncle, and his nieces and nephews meant the world to him. Katelynn and Brenna McKinnon were his first. He then became uncle to Joey, Ava, Jake, Cooper and Matthew Camilleri and Chloe, Cailey and Liam Harris. He loved his aunts and uncles and all his cousins in Italy. His father-in-law Peter, sister and brother-in-law Kim and Rob, and sister-in-law Amy were family. He was a proud Sicilian and enjoyed the chance to visit his Italian relatives in 2018. Michael had a great sense of community and always wanted to make a difference. Over the years, he served on many Boards of Directors for a variety of agencies. He served on the Board of Education in Cromwell for 12 years always trying to give the children of Cromwell the best educational experience. He was a member of St. Josephine Bakhita parish and was the Chair of the Church Council for many years. Michael was a true leader. He was able to calmly work through issues to create a solution where everyone was happy. He had the great skill of networking and knew people from all over the world. Everyone who met Michael loved him. He was kind and generous to everyone. Michael’s career in Law started at Brown Rudnick as a Commercial Real Estate Attorney. He moved to Pratt and Whitney and was their Global Ethics and Compliance officer. This was the job he was meant to do. He made a family with all his friends and coworkers. They became an important part of his life. He touched many lives and made everyone feel comfortable and loved. There will be a Mass of Christian Burial by private invitation only due to Covid. Our family encourages everyone to participate through the Zoom link from St. Josephine Bakhita Parish. <https://www.facebook.com/saintjosephinebakhita/> <https://www.saintjosephinebakhita.org/Friends> may pay their respects through the Brooklawn Funeral Home, 511 Brook St. Rocky Hill, on Tuesday January 18th from 5-7 pm. In lieu of flowers a memorial scholarship in Michael’s name will be set up with the Cromwell School System. For online guestbook please visit www.brooklawnfuneralhome.com.

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Kennedy-Harris, Pamela



Pamela Evelyn Kennedy-Harris, originally of Wethersfield, CT, passed away suddenly in her home in Missoula, MT on January 7th, 2022. She was 74.

Born in 1947 in Middletown, CT to Robert and Frances Kennedy, Pam was an outgoing student who became Captain of her high school cheerleading squad and was voted Homecoming Queen of Wethersfield High School.

Pam graduated from UConn with a B.A. in English. There, she met and soon married James C Harris. They settled in Wethersfield and had three children: Jason, Kevin and Correy. Pam loved watching her children participate in sports and endured hundreds of hours of boring track meets, watching her children run in a circle. Now that her children are grown with children of their own, they appreciate what a sacrifice this was.

She briefly held jobs with the Wethersfield School District and Trinity College before going back to school to get a degree in Medical Assisting so she could work in the Asthma/Allergy field.

Those who knew Pam best enjoyed her wicked sense of humor and generous spirit. She loved her children (and later, grandchildren) fiercely, had an epic sweet tooth (enjoying a near-nightly Carvel ice cream cone), and could probably best be described as a gardening, bird-watching, nature-loving woman ahead of her time.

“You’ll never know until you try - you can’t be scared your whole life” is the advice she’d later give to her grandchildren as they set out into the world, and Pam believed strongly in chasing your dreams. Post-divorce, at the age of 51, she read a novel set in the Bitterroot Mountains of western Montana and decided to pack her bags and see them for herself. On the last day of her solo vacation, she rented a house; Montana was now her home.

Pam convinced her daughter Correy to move to Montana, and was able to enjoy the last decades of her life assisting at Correy’s preschool, working with the students who all knew her as “Grandma Pam.”

Pam’s children take solace in knowing she has crossed the rainbow bridge to be reunited with her beloved mother and all the dogs she adopted over the course of her incredible life.

She was preceded in death by her brother James Kennedy, and is survived by her sisters Sandra Kilburn (Brian), and Deborah Williams (Kieran), her brother John Kennedy, her children Jason R Harris (Jess), Kevin C. Harris, and Correy M. Harrison (Greg), her grandchildren Correy R., Mia and Justin Harris and Abby and Dylan Harrison, and her loving dog, Willy.

In lieu of funeral services, the family will have a private ceremony in Pam’s beloved Bitterroot Mountains. Donations in Pamela Kennedy-Harris’s name can be made to Humane Society of Western Montana.

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Ilg, Jacqueline Jolly



Jacqueline (Jolly) Ilg, 89, of West Hartford, beloved wife of Albert G. Ilg, passed away Wednesday, January 12, 2022. Born in Newark, NJ in November of 1932, to Robert Jolly and Rebecca (Lyster) Jolly. She grew up in the nearby town of Bloomfield, where she and her sister Mary Evelyn were raised by her aunt; their mother died when Jackie and her sister were young. Jackie graduated from Bloomfield High School and earned her BA from Bucknell University where she was president of her sorority, Delta Zeta. She and Al lived in in Phoenix AZ, Newport, RI, Oak Ridge TN, and eventually settled in Windsor CT. While in Windsor, Jackie served in many local organizations over the nearly 50 years she lived in Windsor; especially involved with her daughter's activities. She was a great friend and neighbor, especially to Helen Lenard, who was like a sister to her. Jackie will be remembered for being the kindest person who walked among us, as well as her unending sense of hope and optimism she always wore a smile. She was always willing to give of her time and resources, never complaining about any aches or pains, she was still joking and laughing in her final days. Her greatest gift was the ability to make everyone feel as though they were special, with kindness, positivity, and patience. She leaves behind to mourn her passing: the love of her life, her husband of 66 years, Albert Ilg of West Hartford; her daughters Jennifer Scillia (Robert) of West Hartford and Betsy Ilg of Marina Del Ray CA; granddaughter Samantha Scillia; brother-in-law Don Canty as well as nieces and their families Andrea (and Dave, Olive and Kaedon) and Gillian. Also mourning her passing are The Hartman's of Clifton Park New York, Chelmsford MA and Black Hawk, CO. Jackie is predeceased by her sister Mary Evelyn. Due to Covid concerns there will be a private service and burial for the family, and then a celebration of Jackie's life will be held in the warmer weather when it will be safer to gather. The Carmon Windsor Funeral Home is caring for the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jackie's name to a charity of your choice. To leave condolences or for further information when a public service will be held, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Jamieson, Robert



Robert Jamieson, age 86, of Bolton, passed peacefully on Jan. 4, 2022 at Manchester Hospital. He was born in Hartford to parents, John and Gladys Jamieson, raised in E. Hartford, formerly of Marlborough.

Bob was known to all as a warm, personable, engaging friend. He was a hard worker throughout his years at U.S. Plywood, then as delivery driver for commercial cleaning providers. He was an avid gardener, cultivating vegetables, flowers and berries every summer. He was active with golf leagues and bowling teams at Silver Lanes Bowling for decades.

Bob entered the army at age 18 and served in the Panama Canal Zone where he met his first wife, Millie. She and her son, Lester, were greeted with open arms and hearts by Bob's family. They were then joined by son, Ty-Scott. They had many happy years combined with the challenges of the cultural and economic changes of the 60's and early 70's. This marriage then ended, but led to a lifelong friendship between them.

Then Bob had the good fortune of meeting Jean Roberts, a schoolteacher at Mayberry Elementary School. They married in 1976. After a few years in South Windsor, they moved to a beautiful rural home in Bolton. This was their paradise. They traveled the country, enjoyed several cruises, and had a wonderful life together. When Jean fell ill with Alzheimer's, everyone marveled at Bob's devotion, visiting her daily through the last 2 years of her life.

Bob is survived by his brother, Edward, and sons Lester and Ty, step children Glenn and Karen, grandson Michael, step grandsons Ryan, Conrad, and Evan. He'll be sorely missed, yet he has left us with much to celebrate about in his life. A memorial will be scheduled this Spring. To be notified, call (641) 715-3900, ext. 201251#.

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Lachance, Jeannette



Jeannette Lachance, 87, of Newington, formerly of Wethersfield and Hartford passed away peacefully on January 6, 2022. Jeannette was born in Beecher Falls, VT, the youngest of 13 children, to the late Omar and Mary Rose (Paquette) Lachance. Jeannette was a wonderful mother, she doted on her family and was the happiest when surrounded by her grandchildren. Her love of cats was legendary, but she blamed all the cats in the house on Bill. Jeanette retired from Capital Tire after many years of dedicated service.

Jeannette is survived by her daughters, Christine Hughes and her husband Robert, and Kathleen Spagnolo: granddaughters Tina Spagnolo, Brianna Eckel, Amber Eckel: great grandsons Antonio and Aidan Brzezinski: son in law Tom Eckel and his wife Ann and a host of nieces and nephews.

Sadly, she was predeceased by her daughters Corinne Eckel and Eileen Flannigan: ex-husband William Flannigan: sons-in-law Antonio Spagnolo and Tony Venisocofsky along with all of her siblings. The family wishes to express their profound gratitude to the kind and compassionate staff at Greystone Retirement Home and Portland Care and Rehab for the amazing care Jeannette received.

Jeannette loved children, therefore, please consider making a donation in her memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959.

Burial will be at the convenience of the family. For online expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.



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Bouchard, Arthur W.



Arthur W. Bouchard, 83, of Glastonbury passed away peacefully at Hartford Hospital on Thursday, January 13, 2022. Art was the beloved husband of Kathleen (Quasnitschka) Bouchard. Born in Hartford during The Hurricane of '38, Art was the son of the late Charles W. and Mary Elizabeth (Anzovin) Bouchard. He was a graduate of Hartford Public High School where he was very active in the reunion planning for his class. After high school, Art joined the Army National Guard as well as Maple Hill Ambulance of Hartford where he gained a love of public service. He continued his service to the public when he was hired by the Hartford Police Department, completing their Police Academy, and becoming a police officer where he served for many years. He regaled his family and friends with many stories of his adventures as a Hartford cop until finally retiring in 1993. Art did not stay retired for long though. Shortly after "retirement" he accepted a position with the Town of Glastonbury as well as a position as a security guard with Hartford Hospital where he met many lifelong friends. While enjoying "retirement" Art enjoyed volunteering for the Make-A-Wish Foundation granting many wishes for children. He also enjoyed camping with Kath and his kids and later his grandkids. There was a near-religious pilgrimage to Disneyworld almost every year in increasingly larger RV's. In addition to his wife, Art is survived by his three daughters Jennifer Bouchard-Stergos and her husband Peter, Amy M. Bouchard, Melissa Cafazzo and her husband John, all of Glastonbury, his grandchildren Taylor, Justin, Hannah Stergos and Isabella Cafazzo. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his stepmother Catherine Christensen Bouchard. Family and friends may call on Saturday January 22, 2022 from 10:00 am -12:00 pm at Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Ave, Glastonbury. Burial will be at Neipscic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Make-A-Wish, 56 Commerce Dr, Trumbull, CT 06611 or the Glastonbury Emergency Medical Services, 2112 Main St., Glastonbury, CT 06033. For online condolences, please visit www.mulryanfh.com.



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Iacobucci, Liberato



Liberato Iacobucci, 86, of Cromwell, formerly of Wethersfield, died peacefully on Friday, Jan. 14, 2022 surrounded by his loving family. He was the beloved husband of the late Nunziata (Colella) Iacobucci. Born in Pratola Peligna, Province of Aquila, Italy, he was the son of the late Giovannino and Lucia (Presutti) Iacobucci. He came to the United States in 1954 and resided in Hartford for many years, before moving to Wethersfield, and most recently to Cromwell. Liberato retired from the State of Connecticut Dept. of Transportation after 38 years of employment. He loved walking the Rhode Island shoreline, clamming with his family, collecting rocks, and just being at the beach. He would spend hours tending to his vegetable garden and making wine to share with family and friends. He was remarkably handy, loved to tinker, and could fix anything. He always enjoyed a good game of setback and you could find him often playing cards with his friends. We will miss everything about him, his generous nature and his warm and caring style.

Loving and devoted to his family, he leaves two sons and a daughter, John Iacobucci and his wife Serena of Glastonbury, Thomas Iacobucci and his wife Maryann of Newington, and Lucy Manente and her husband Thomas of Cromwell, with whom he made his home; and seven grandchildren Kaylen, Anna and Samantha Iacobucci, Nicole D'Ambrogio and husband Giuseppe, Thomas "TJ" Iacobucci, Melissa and Matthew Manente. He also leaves his sister-in-law Vilma Colella of Ontario, Canada, and brother-in-law Amedeo Colella in Italy, and several nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to call on Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022, from 9:30 am to 11:00 am at Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11:30 at the Church of the Holy Spirit. He will be laid to rest beside Nunziata in Rose Hill Memorial Park, Rocky Hill. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, P. O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005. To share your sorrow, please visit us at www.duksa.net.



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Parsons, Patricia C. (Kielb)



Patricia C. (Kielb) Parsons, 72, of East Hartford, wife to the late Joseph J. Parsons, Sr., passed away suddenly on Wednesday, January 12, 2022. Patty was born on October 26, 1949, in Hartford, daughter to Walter J. and Katherine (Hysh) Kielb.

Patty was a very fun and loving person. She lived her life to the fullest despite her disabilities. She loved Dunkin Donuts and her trips out shopping with her friends. She loved animals and doted on her cat, Teddy, and her dog, Cami.

She was a lifelong parishioner of the North American Martyrs Parish- St. Mary's Church in East Hartford. Patty's family and friends will cherish these memories and hold them close for years to come.

Patty is survived by her three loving children: Joseph J. Parsons, Jr., and his girlfriend, Denise Wagner of Southington; Catherine A. Parsons of Windsor; and David M. Parsons of East Hartford; her five grandchildren: Andrew and his wife Jenn, Alysha Cook and her husband Eric, Alexis Narvaez and his girlfriend Lisa Huynh, Alexander Narvaez and his girlfriend Gail Zyl and Austin Croft; three great-grandchildren; her sister-in-law Barbara Kielb; her lifelong friend, Nancy Rueb, and friends Luanne, Gloria, and Nequi, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her parents, her grandson Adam and her siblings Thomas Kielb, Anthony Kielb and Irene Adamcewicz.

A memorial mass will be celebrated on Saturday, January 22, 2022, beginning at 10 a.m. at the North American Martyrs Parish- St. Mary's Church, 15 Maplewood Ave., East Hartford. There will be no calling hours. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, East Hartford. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd., Newington, CT 06111. To leave an online message of condolence for her family, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Bentley, Therese



Therese (Terri) Bentley 65, of Forestville CT, passed away peacefully on December 19, 2021, surrounded and comforted by loved ones. Terri was born in Bristol, CT to the late Wilbur and Ellen Bentley on October 13, 1955. She was educated in Bristol schools, and graduated from Tunxis C.C. with a degree in Business/Mgt. She married

Rit Grzeszczk in 1986 at Butternut Falls, Terryville. Terri was employed by Colonial Spring, Bristol for many years, where she had many friends. She enjoyed hiking and the outdoors. She also had many hobbies including stained glass, gardening, and camping. Some of her and Rit's favorite vacation spots were beaches in the Caribbean, Cape Cod, and Florida. Terri's love of horses was evident through her volunteer work at Shepard Meadows Equestrian Center in Bristol, as well as spending time at her sister's farm, helping to care for the horses. She was also on the committee with the Orsi Family Fund raiser for many years.

Terri loved all animals, especially her cats Tigger, Scotchie, and Gi-Gi.

During her final years, Terri developed Parkinson's Disease. She never did anything half-way which meant participating in the clinical trials, boxing to maintain agility, Big-and-Loud classes, and with groups working towards a cure.

Terri will be cherished in the memories of her sisters Sue Stone of Middlefield, CT, Dot Gooding of Plainville, CT, and her best friend since 3rd grade Charlene Bugnacki (Paul) of Lakeland, Florida.

She was pre-deceased by her husband Rit in 2015, and her niece Cheryl, also in 2015.

Terri leaves behind her nephew David (Tammy), great-niece Julia, stepdaughter Jen, and her two children Tyler and Tori, sister-in-law Regina Oulette of Bristol and her family.

She also leaves a warm extended family of college friends including Toni Pasquini, Judy Ricard, Rosalie Charest, Iris Wyman, and Cindy Carbone.

A celebration of Terri's life will be held at a future date. Donations in Terri's name can be made to www.parkinson.org or an animal rescue of your choice.

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DelNegro, Michael S



Michael S. DelNegro, 70, of Avon, formerly of Wolcott, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, January 8. He was the beloved husband of Louise (Cano) DelNegro for 25 years. Michael was born September 4, 1951 in Waterbury, a son of the late Armand and Margaret (DiMuzio) DelNegro.

Michael was a graduate of Wolcott High School and UConn School of Engineering. He was a civil engineer for the Town of Southington for over 30 years, retiring nearly 15 years ago.

Michael was an avid sports fan of the Yankees, New York Giants and Boston Celtics. He was incredibly active throughout life and enjoyed playing tennis, racquetball and baseball as well as playing cards, especially setback, with friends and family. For many years, he vacationed with friends in Ocean City, MD, where he found great joy in just sitting on the beach and playing games. He loved his family and was a true friend to everyone.

"Mikey" was a loving husband, wonderful brother, terrific uncle and adoring grandfather. "Del" was a dear, life-long friend to many. He was loved by all and will always be remembered in our hearts.

Michael is survived by his wife Louise, sisters Susan Pitcher and husband Paul of Bristol, Nancy Renda and husband Joseph Sr. of Bethel, 2 nieces Tami Sullivan and husband Tim of Southington, Kimberly Anderson and husband Scott of Bristol, nephew Michael Renda of Bethel, step-children; Tracey Mencio of Rhode Island and Peter Fazzone and wife Noelle of Simsbury, 4 grandchildren; Abby and Katie Fazzone, Chelsea Mencio Norregaard and Morgan Mencio, great grandson Anders Norregaard, and countless lifelong close friends. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org

A Funeral Liturgy will be held on Saturday, January 22nd at 10am at St. Basil the Great Parish-St. Pius X Church, 525 Woodtick Rd., Wolcott, CT. Everyone is asked to meet directly at church. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery, Waterbury. Calling hours will be Friday, January 21st, 4-7pm at DellaVecchia Funeral Home, 211 N. Main St. Southington, CT 06489. To leave an online condolence, please visit www.dellavecchia-southington.com

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Roming - Tucker, Linda J (Carroll)



Linda J. Roming-Tucker, 75, died peacefully from a long and courageous fight against Cancer at her beloved home in Old Saybrook, CT on January 14, 2022.

In her own words: I have never been very traditional in my approach to the twists and turns life hands us. As my loving husband Larry would say "she likes to run things her way".

He put up with my idiosyncrasies for over 34 years! So, my wish is to let him know just how much I enjoyed my "stay" here. I couldn't have asked for more loving children in Melissa Roming and Yvette Roming (Todd Munette). They gifted me with sweet, talented, adorable grandchildren, Lukas, Brianna and Gabriel. I couldn't be prouder of them! My life was full of many simple to phenomenal "happenings": seeing a double rainbow, seeing the northern lights, having not one but two holes in one at Old Lyme CC, skiing down and viewing breathtaking mountains out West, driving my motorcycle on a twisting roads, receiving the first "excellence in Nursing" award and later founding a successful home health agency, snorkeling on our visits to Hawaii, gifting myself a Corvette with license plate "TAADAA", after surviving my first year of breast cancer, and cruising to many beautiful countries. I would be remiss not to mention my extended and blended family, in-laws and "steps", and a host of loving friends. All have given me tremendous support. My HUGE thanks to my team of doctors and nurses at Starling Physicians. I leave you all with a few final thoughts: Please do not "worry". It is a useless emotion which will only wear on you and achieves NOTHING! If you can change something, do it, but do not angst over anything! Do your best each day. Stay positive. Remember my goodnight kisses and saying "I love you more than all the stars, sun, moon, universe and to infinity and beyond. Forever, I will watch over all of you "from the clouds". Much Love, Mom, Mimi, Linda. A celebration of Life will be held in the Spring, Linda's favorite time of year. Donations can be made to Middlesex Hospital or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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Cassarino, Anna (Mangini)



Anna Maria Theresa (Mangini) Cassarino, 84, of East Hartford, beloved wife of the late Sylvester "Sal" Cassarino, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at her home surrounded by her loving family. Anna was born on April 1, 1937, in Hartford, CT. She was the daughter of the late Domenico "Antoni" Mangini and Margherita (Nardi) Mangini. Anna is survived by her four children, Stephen Cassarino and his wife Janece of San Diego, CA, David Cassarino and his wife Lisa of Tolland, Maria Clarke and her husband Eric of East Hartford, and Lydia Cassarino of East Hartford. Anna's children blessed her with seven grandchildren: Jaclyn Clarke, Samantha Clarke Keenan and her husband Patrick, Brittany Clarke, Dominic Cassarino, Vince Cassarino, Giovanni Cassarino, and Ian Cassarino. She is also survived by her sister, Julia Culturi of Granby; a sister-in-law, Nancy Mangini of Unionville; and many nieces and nephews that she adored. Anna was predeceased by her brothers Carmine, Frank, and Manny Mangini. Funeral service will be Wednesday (January 19, 2022) with a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at 10 am at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church, 285 Church Street, Hartford. Burial will follow at Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery, (Section W), 1 Cottage Grove Road, Bloomfield. The family requests that everyone go directly to the church on Wednesday morning and please wear facemasks. Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 from 4-7 pm at the D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter Street, East Hartford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Anna's name may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. For online condolences to the family and a full obituary notice, please visit www.desopoeh.com.



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Jahn, Carl H.

Jahn, Carl H.

Carl H. Jahn, 96, passed away peacefully on December 19, 2021 at the Colorow Care Center in Delta, CO. Born September 15, 1925 in Chicago, IL, to parents Katy and Karl Jahn, he and his family moved to Newark, Delaware where he graduated from the University of Delaware with a Mechanical Engineering Degree. Carl also served his country in both WWII and the Korean wars.

Carl was very proud of his 32 year career at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft and his involvement in the development of the J-58 engine which powered the top secret and now famous spy plane, the SR-71 Blackbird.

Married to Nancy Collins in 1953, Carl and Nancy raised their three sons in Glastonbury, CT, until Nancy's death in 1980. In 2000, Carl relocated to Delta, CO where he served on the Town Planning Commission and spent the last 20+ years with his long-time companion and partner, Marion Eriksen.

Carl was a kind, caring, person of great integrity and was very devoted to his family and friends. He was always ready with a smile on his face and a quick joke or comment that would make you laugh. Carl's hobbies included skiing and tennis and he would love to play his harmonica for all who would listen. Carl also had a passion for European travel but his most cherished trips were the annual camping adventures across the United States with his family.

Carl is predeceased by his parents Katy and Karl Jahn, wife Nancy Collins Jahn, eldest son Wayne Jahn, and his sister, Ingeborg Jahn (Solomon).

Carl Jahn is survived by his son Larry and wife Patricia Jahn of Kensington, CT; his son Karl and wife Stacey and of Andover, CT; as well as four beloved grandchildren Jonathan, Matthew, Sienna, and LuAnna Jahn.

Carl Jahn (our Pops) will be greatly missed.
A private memorial service will be held by the family.
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Ross, Barbara B. (Burke)



Barbara B. Ross, 79, of South Glastonbury, loving wife for 47 years of the late Donald Ross, died peacefully Thursday, January 6, 2022 at Manchester Manor with her family at her side after courageously battling cancer for many years. Barbara was born April 20, 1942 in Schenectady, NY, daughter of the late Lawson B. Burke and Apollonia (Schichtle)

Burke and lived in South Glastonbury for the past 56 years. Barbara graduated from Conard High School in West Hartford, CT and received her degree from College of our Lady of the Elms in Chicopee, MA. Majoring in English, she became a beloved 4th grade teacher. Once her young daughters reached school age, she began substitute teaching and continued bookkeeping for Don, a PGA Professional at Glastonbury Hills Country Club. After teaching, Barbara went on to work in the accounting department of Ames Corporation for many years. She had a life-long passion for reading and sports. She loved watching the Patriots, Red Sox, and UConn women's basketball. In addition, she enjoyed attending Glastonbury Senior Center events with her companion Alan who held a special place in her heart and shared her love of sports. Barbara was a constant presence in her daughters' lives, serving as protector, confidant and friend. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy. Barbara is survived by her three daughters: Laurie Wilson and her husband Don of South Glastonbury, Amy Ross and her partner Steve McMahon of Monroee, and Sarah Hoffman and her husband Ed of South Glastonbury; five grandchildren, Jamie, Tyler, Madison, Ryan, and Trevor; her sister Sharon Shea of Plymouth, MA, and her sister-in-law Maria Burke of Grantham, NH, along with many adored nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Barbara was predeceased by her husband Don, brother Brian Burke, brother-in-law Robert Shea, and nephew Lawson Burke. The family would like to thank the nurses and staff at Hartford Health Care Hospice and Manchester Manor for their kindness and compassion shown to Barbara during her illness. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, January 22, 2022 at 11 a.m. at SS. Isidore and Maria Parish in St. Augustine Church, 55 Hopewell Rd., South Glastonbury. Burial will follow in St. Augustine Cemetery. Friends may call at the Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury on Friday, January 21, 2022 from 4-6 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made to the American Cancer Society (www.donate3.cancer.org) or Make-A-Wish Connecticut (www.wish.org). For online condolences, please visit www.mulryanfh.com.

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Buckridge, John Jerome



Ann (McNally) Buckridge and loving son and business partner, Ryan James Buckridge. John is also survived by his sister MaryAnn Moore and her husband, Bob, of Groton, and his brother, Donald Buckridge, Jr., of Middletown, as well as many nieces and nephews. John served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Hawaii. He was an avid Red Sox fan who loved visiting the various ballparks around the country. He also enjoyed watching his NY Giants. John was a business owner of both a Merry Maids franchise and Premiere Window Cleaning Plus for over 15 years. John enjoyed golfing and playing setback at the Elks Club. He was a lover life. He savored his time with Patty and Ryan traveling, playing board games and watching movies. He treasured his vast sports memorabilia collection. He was known for his "John-isms" such as "you're not the brightest bulb in the tool box," and his vibrant smile could light up any room. He will be dearly missed. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org Calling hours will be on Tuesday, January 18th, 1-3pm followed by a Celebration of Life Service at 3pm. All to take place at DellaVecchia Funeral Home, 211 N. Main St. Southington, CT. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. Make sure to note that masks are required for the service. To leave an online condolence, please visit www.della-vecchiasouthington.com

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Dorman, Carol (Picano)

Carol Picano Dorman of Old Lyme passed away on January 13, 2022. Carol leaves her beloved husband, Harvey, of fifty-seven years, her sister Joan Wood of Weathersfield, a sister-in-law Katherine Picano of Rocky Hill, a sister-in-law Nel Dorman of Newington, a brother-in-law Daniel Dorman and his wife Vivian of Maine and many loved nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Carol was predeceased by her beloved brother Edmund Picano. Funeral arrangements are private at the request of the family. A contribution in Carol's memory may be made to the American Heart Association or charity of your choice.

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Ferraris, Lorraine



Lorraine Ferraris of Rocky Hill, CT passed away peacefully on January 14, 2022. Born in Berlin, NH, Lorraine was the daughter of the late Edward Valliere and Dolores Valliere. She moved with her family to the Hartford area at a young age and was a long-time resident of Connecticut until her death at 83 years old.

Lorraine is predeceased by her husband Richard Ferraris, daughter Lynn Ferraris and sister Claire Pilon. While raising her family, Lorraine built a long career with the State of Connecticut working at the UCONN Health Center in Farmington for over 30 years. When not working, Lorraine enjoyed summer vacations on Cape Cod, hunting for antiques and hosting family and friends for dinners and holiday parties. If you were lucky enough she would have entertained you with an accordion performance. Lorraine loved a good laugh and enjoyed making people laugh. This is what we will miss most about her. She will be remembered as a devoted wife, loving mother and trusted friend. Lorraine is survived by her sons Edward Ferraris and Stephen Ferraris and daughter Lori Ferraris Simone and son-in-law Richard Simone. She also leaves behind several nieces and a nephew, along with her cherished sisters-in-law Janet Ferraris and Kay Ferraris. You were the light of our lives Mom, thank you for all the love you gave us.

Family and Friends are invited to the Brooklawn Funeral Home, 511 Brook St. Rocky Hill, on Thursday, January 20th, from 9:30-10:30a.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11a.m. in St. Josephine Bakhita Church, St. James Campus, 767 Elm St. Rocky Hill. Burial will be private.

At the time of her passing Lorraine was a resident of The Atrium at Rocky Hill. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in her name to the National Processing Center, Alzheimer Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, D.C. 20090 For online guestbook please visit www.brooklawnfuneralhome.com.

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Springer, Estelle



Mother Estelle Springer was called from labor to rest on January 10, 2022, while at home. Estelle was born the 7th child to the late George and Lula Mitchell in Hartford, CT on August 20, 1924. Estelle was a lifelong resident of Hartford where she was educated in the Hartford school system. Estelle worked for the

Travelers Insurance Co. for several years until her first retirement.

Mrs. Estelle Springer met the love of her life Mr. David Springer and married 52 years ago. She and her husband David founded the Springer Oil Service which has been in business for the past 40 years, serving the entire Greater Hartford region.

Estelle Mitchell-Springer is a daughter of one of the founding members of the First Church of the Living God where she served as the Church Mother for more than fifty years. She was an unassuming spiritual woman with a silent temperament, but helpful as a Church Mother with the listening ear. She was a Proverb 31 businesswoman as she and David touched a vast number of people in the community.

She leaves to cherish her memory her husband David Springer; one brother Frank Mitchell, (Juanita) of Bloomfield CT; two sons Sam Springer, of Springfield, MA, and David Springer of Somers, CT; her godson Everal Palmer and a host of grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

She is predeceased by her brothers Earl, Andrew, Eugene, and Edward Mitchell; her sisters Lillian Morehead, Georgia Lee Wilkins, Pauline Bryden, and Anna Terry.

Funeral service will be Wednesday, January 19, 2021, 11 am with calling hour 10 am at First Church of the Living God, 70 Whitney St. Hartford, CT. Burial will be in Mt. View Cemetery, Bloomfield, CT. ALL FAITH MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 90 John Fitch Blvd. So. Windsor, CT has charge of arrangements.

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Dooley, Antoinette R. (Russo)



Antoinette Rose (Russo) Dooley, 86, of Vernon, CT beloved wife of the late Thomas H. Dooley, died January 12, 2022 surrounded by her family. Ann was born on January 15, 1935 in Otisville, New York to Francisco and Rose (Nappi) Russo. Ann received her high school diploma from Middletown High School in 1952. Ann married her high

school sweetheart, Thomas H. Dooley on October 6, 1956. After her husband's time in the military, Ann along with her family, moved to Connecticut where they became longtime residents of the town of Vernon.

In Vernon, Ann made life-long friends and enjoyed participating in social clubs. She was an active participant in the Junior Women's Club, the Exchange Club and participated in the Rockville Hospital Follies throughout the 1970's. An excellent cook, Ann graced many tables with her delicious food and elaborate cakes. She enjoyed hosting social events and loved any excuse to have a party. Upon Tom's retirement, Ann enjoyed traveling, taking trips to the casino and watching QVC.

Above all else, Antoinette loved to spend time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was survived by her daughter Karen Magoon and her husband Duncan, and son Lawrence and his wife Paula, all of South Windsor. She had six grandchildren, Jennifer (Lyons) Buckler, Michael Lyons, Kevin Lyons, Thomas Dooley, Peter Dooley and Samantha Dooley. Her survivors also include her four great-grandchildren, Rose, Evelyn and Aria Buckler, and Wilder Dooley.

The family would like to thank her live-in caregiver, Lyubov Galandzhiy, for providing care for Antoinette in her final months.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, January 22, 2022 from 10:00am- 12:00pm at Burke-Fortin Funeral Home, 76 Prospect Street, Vernon-Rockville, CT 06066. Burial will be private at the convenience of the family. For online condolences please visit www.pietrasfuneralhome.com.

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Grenham, Joan W.

The funeral service and calling hours for Joan Grenham that were scheduled for January 20-21, 2022 at St. Peter Claver Church in West Hartford will be rescheduled to a later date to be announced.

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Jacob, Sara Nicole



May 6, 1980 – January 5, 2022 Get some sleep sweetheart. Your struggle is over. The noises are quieted. Since the night of that dreadful teenage accident you lifted yourself up off the dark deserted road and walked on. Through pain, lost dreams, constant physical and emotional barriers you created a life, changed people you met with your

kindness and support, and enriched us in uncountable ways. You fought on and persevered, continuing to pick yourself up and walk on time after time. Still the noises continued, stumbles occurred, and the pain endured. But now the noises are quiet, and you have found the music you so sought. We are left with the love you inspired within us.

Sara Nicole Jacob, 41, of Simsbury, CT passed away suddenly on January 5, 2022. Sara joins her maternal grandparents Nicolai and Ski Sowpel, her paternal grandfather Harold Jacob, her maternal uncle Kip Sowpel and her fur babies Honey, Gus and Cartman. She leaves behind her parents, Ralph and Karen Jacob of Simsbury, her sister and brother-in-law, Katie and Dan Martino of Coventry, her nephew Jacob Martino, her paternal grandmother, Martha Gorman of West Haven, her paternal aunt, Linda McCluskey of West Haven, her paternal uncle and aunt, Bruce and Nancy Jacob of Bear Hollow, TN, her maternal aunt and uncle, Kim and Jeff Lary of Orange City, FL, her cousins Nicholas Jacob and Kristen Combs of TN as well as George and Patti Sowpel of Dennis, MA.

Sara enjoyed gardening, knitting, horseback riding and helping animals in need. She volunteered at Mary's Kitty Korner in Granby, and she deeply loved her "family" at Brookside Bagels in Simsbury where she worked for many years.

Services and burial will be privately held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in honor of Sara online for the CT Women's Consortium (www.womenscontium.org) or Mary's Kitty Korner (www.maryskittykorner.com). The Vincent Funeral Home of Simsbury is caring for the arrangements. Please visit Sara's "Book of Memories" at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online condolences.

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Thomas, Lynne A.



Lynne Ann Thomas, 59, a life-long resident of Hartford, longtime partner of the late Liz Emerson, peacefully passed away on Thursday morning, January 13, 2022 at the home of her niece, Alison (Dave) Sataline. Born June 15, 1962 in Hartford, she was the daughter of Helen Bowker Thomas (Don Wallock) and the late Clifton Thomas. Lynne attended St. Augustine School and graduated from South Catholic High School before attending Keuka College in upstate New York. She worked for many years for the State of CT DMR.

Along with her mother, Lynne leaves her brother John (Nicole), her sister, Ann-Marie (PennyLynn); her nephew, Mark Thomas; her cousins, Kristen Asel Chasse (Marc), Brittany Heinrichs (Trevor) and her son Theo Dionne, and Clara Chasse; great-nieces and great-nephews, AJ and Logan Thomas and Jada and Dominick Sataline and her uncle, Carmen Berardino. We cannot forget her two best buddies, her cats Kona and Catty. Lynne was predeceased by her brother, Robert W. Thomas; grandparents, Charles and Helen (Zenzayer) Bowker and her aunt, Charlene Asel.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, January 19 at 10 a.m. at the Church of the Incarnation, 544 Prospect Street, Wethersfield. Everyone is asked to please go directly to the church. Burial will follow in Rose Hill Memorial Park, Rocky Hill. Family and friends may call on Tuesday from 4-6 p.m. at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Boulevard, Wethersfield. Masks are required for all indoor services. In honor of Lynne's love of animals, donations in her memory may be made to the Protectors of Animals, 144 Main Street, Unit O, East Hartford, CT 06118 or Kenway's Cause, P.O. Box 935, Windsor, CT 06095. To share a memory of Lynne with her family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.



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Blais, Gail Ann



Gail Ann Blais, devoted wife, mother, Nana, and friend left this earth on January 12, 2022. She was born in Patterson, New Jersey, to Julia and Charles Server. A resident of Connecticut, she graduated from Rockville High School and discovered her passion was people, which lead her to a long-standing career as an Administrative Office Assistant. She married her best friend, Donald J. Blais, and built a life that journeyed together. She is survived by her husband, Donald; daughter, Christa and her husband Michael; her grandson, Evan; niece, Niki and her husband Bill and their daughter, Natalie.

Gail had a warmth that all who met her felt. She embraced all, even strangers, as though she had known them for years. She listened intently, without judgement and quelled fears with delicate praise. She held fierce to her beliefs and convictions and persevered through many of life's trials. She stared down cancer with bravery and dignity and fought to hold others up, too. She loved her family dearly and selflessly. She appreciated life's simplicity- a great cup of coffee, walks with her dog, a day of shopping and a delicious meal her husband cooked.

She made us proud.

The family will be receiving visitors on Wednesday, January 19th from 5 pm to 7 pm at Coventry-Pietras Family Funeral Home 2665 Boston Turnpike Coventry, CT. In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Helen and Harry Gray Cancer Center, who provided dignified and gracious care in the remaining days of her life. <https://giving.harthosp.org/donate> For online condolences please visit: www.pietrasfuneralhome.com

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Fedorowich, Jr., Edward



Edward Fedorowich, Jr., 80, of Somers, beloved husband of Evelyn "Heidi" (Renner) Fedorowich, passed away on Saturday, January 8, 2022 at Hartford Hospital. Born in Brooklyn, NY on May 21, 1941, he was the son of the late Edward Fedorowich, Sr. and Sophie (Fedoryszyn) Fedorowich and grew up in St. Albans, Long Island, NY. Though born in the city, he was an outdoorsman at heart and loved to hunt, fish, golf, camp, canoe, hike and be in the woods. Ed honorably served in the US Air Force during the Vietnam era and worked for Grumman Aircraft on the Apollo Lunar Module. He dedicated over 20 years of his life to serving his community in law enforcement and was a member of American Legion Post 101 in Somers. Ed was always known as a kind and loving husband, father, father-in-law, brother, brother-in-law and friend. He was pre-deceased by his brother-in-law Siggy Renner, and he will be sorely missed. The family would like to extend their sincere gratitude to the staff at Hartford Hospital for their unwavering dedication and compassion. Along with his wife, he is survived by his son Edward Fedorowich, III and his wife Paulette of Prospect, CT; and his sister Eileen Fedorowich of Somers. His family will receive friends on Sunday, January 23, from 2-4 PM at the Somers Funeral Home, 354 Main St. Somers, with Military Honors taking place at the conclusion of the calling hours. Masks are required for all who attend. Burial will be private. For online condolences, please visit www.somersfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Somers Volunteer Fire & Ambulance, 400 Main St., Somers, CT 06071 or the Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation 103 Vision Way, Bloomfield, CT 06002 <https://fidelco.org/ways-to-give/>.

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Mazzarella, Constance



Constance "Connie" Mazzarella, 93, died peacefully on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022. Born and raised in New Britain, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Sebastiana Mazzarella. Connie resided in a number of towns in Connecticut, but Glastonbury was her favorite. She enjoyed a 29-year career as a flight attendant with Pan American Airlines, travelling the world and visiting many countries. Upon her retirement, she became an x-ray technician and was employed by Jefferson Radiology at Hartford Hospital. Throughout her life, she was remarkably active and independent. Connie loved cooking and was passionate about trying new recipes. She adored dogs, owning several throughout her life, and in her later years she took care of other people's dogs, often for weeks at a time. A loving aunt, she was known as "Auntie Tina" to her family, and leaves two nephews, Robert and the late Rosemary Aiello, and John and Susan Aiello; great nieces and great nephews and their families, including Matthew, Daniel, Patrick, Erin and Amy; as well as four great great nephews; and several dear friends. She was predeceased by her sister Lucy Aiello, brother Patrick Mazzarella, and niece Patricia Mascolo. Her funeral services will be private. Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington, is serving the family. Memorial donations may be made to the CT Humane Society, 701 Russell Rd., Newington, CT 06111. To share your sympathy with the family, please visit us at www.duksa.net.



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Sutcliffe, Jane (McCormick)

Jane (McCormick) Sutcliffe, 64, of Tolland, beloved wife of John W. Sutcliffe passed away Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at home surrounded by her loving family. She was born May 25, 1957 in Providence, RI, the daughter of Clarice (Bergeron) McCormick and the late Chester McCormick. She had 5 siblings. Jane graduated magna cum laude from UConn, and Master's from Penn State. She worked for many years as an audiologist at Gaylord Hospital. However, her real love was her second job as an author of children's and young adult historical non-fiction books. She published numerous magazine articles and over 25 books; several award winning and internationally published. The most recent, Will's Words, has been translated into multiple languages. Besides her husband, John and mother Clarice, she is survived by her two sons, John William Sutcliffe and his wife Amanda and Michael Sutcliffe and his fiancé Julie; her grandsons, Jack and Woodford; and her beloved dog, Willie. Services will be announced later at the convenience of the family. For online condolences please visit: www.pietrasfuneralhome.com

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Brainard, John Irving



John Irving (Jack) Brainard, age 87, of Westbrook passed away January 8, 2022, at Middlesex Hospital after a brief illness. Born in Meriden Connecticut, October 6, 1934, he was a lifelong resident of Westbrook graduating from Morgan High School in 1952 and serving honorably in the United States Air Force as a member of the Airways and Air Communications Service, deployed in Japan, until his discharge in 1957. He served in the Air Force Reserve through 1962. John was married for 50 years to his loving wife Eleanor Brainard (nee Ackerman) until she passed away in 2008. He retired after a lengthy career with the Lee Company of Westbrook. Besides his wife Eleanor and parents Gordon and Ruth, he was preceded in death by his three brothers, Charles, Eugene, and David. John is survived by his son John G. Brainard (Laura) of Sudbury, MA, his daughter Ann Brainard-Dougan (Donald) of Wallingford, CT. He also leaves beloved grandchildren John H. Brainard (Ashley), of Plymouth, MA, Tessa Rose Gaw (Nathan), of Pittsburgh, PA and Zachary Dougan, of Wallingford as well as many nieces and nephews. A lifelong fan of the New York Yankees, John spent many a happy hour watching or listening to games during the season. He was an avid reader and a regular patron of the Westbrook Public Library. If desired, friends may make memorial contributions to the Westbrook Public Library at 61 Goodspeed Drive, Westbrook, CT 06498. There will be a memorial service in his honor when we are safely able to gather. Condolences may be left at www.dignitymemorial.com.

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SCOTELLA, Vicenza "Zena" (Gigliuto)



Vicenza "Zena" (Gigliuto) Scotella, 95, of Newington, beloved wife of the late Frank Scotella, passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 9, 2022. Born in Hartford, she was the daughter of the late Paul and Lucia (Macca) Gigliuto and lived in Newington for 63 years. Vicenza retired from CIGNA in 1992. She enjoyed Sunday family dinners and sharing good times with her devoted husband, grandchildren and family. A loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Vicenza will be dearly missed by her three children, Joseph Scotella and wife Tammy of Bristol, Frank Paul Scotella of Newington, and Maria Sabino and husband Douglas of Waterford; two adored grandchildren, Jonathan Illausky and wife Mandee and Rebecca Borchetta and husband Aaron; a cherished great-granddaughter, Madeline Illausky and several nieces and nephews. She was sadly predeceased by her beloved grandson, Paul Scotella and her four siblings, Dominic Gigliuto, Mary DiPietro, Concetta Fiore-Scalzo and twin sister, Josephine Cassarino. Due to Covid, funeral services and burial will be private. There will be no calling hours. The D'Esopo Funeral Chapel of Wethersfield has been entrusted with the arrangements. To share a memory of Vicenza with her family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com



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Trumbull, Thomas



Thomas Charles Trumbull, 61 of East Hampton, and formerly of East Granby, CT died suddenly on January 8, 2022. Tom was a cherished son, brother, cousin, uncle and friend. Tom was born in Fort Wayne, IN on October 17, 1960, the youngest son of the late William and Joanne (Schneider) Trumbull of East Granby, CT. He attended Northwest Catholic High School in West Hartford, CT and the University of Vermont. Tom was a gifted athlete at first base in Little League, as well as surviving the wilds as a Boy Scout. His summers were spent as a diehard Boston Red Sox's fan and enjoying nature, whether visiting the beaches of Cape Cod or fishing the streams of the Farmington River and the Adirondacks. And his winters never seemed cold, whizzing at top speed as an elegant downhill skier at Gore Mt. and Lake Placid, NY. Tom was highly intelligent with an irreverent sense of humor that often left others "giggling" from his deadpan jokes. Tom was devoted to his family and his favorite pet beagle, "Champ" and developed a surprising green thumb later in life growing a lush organic garden. Tom is survived by his siblings, Alison Trumbull Eckels and her husband David of Old Saybrook, CT; William B. Trumbull Jr. and his ex-wife Barbara Buttons from Ogden UT, and his nieces and nephews: Connor and Maura Eckels from CT and VA and Allie McQuain, Chris and Cole Trumbull from Utah. He has many loving cousins and a beloved Uncle Joe from Erie, PA. A Roman Catholic funeral mass is planned at Christ the King Church in Old Lyme, CT on Saturday, January 22 at 11 AM. 1 McCurdy Road, Old Lyme, CT 06371. Burial will be at the convenience of his family. To leave online condolences please visit www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com.

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Wagenbrenner, Mark



Mark Wagenbrenner, 71, of Southington and formerly of Ashford passed away on Thursday, January 6th at his home. He was born September 7, 1950 and was the son of the late Anton and June (DelGrego) Wagenbrenner. Mark served with the U.S. Army. He was an avid hunter and loved to cook and eat. Most of all he loved his two nephews as if they were his own. He is survived by his brother Joseph Wagenbrenner Sr. and his wife Barbara of Columbia; two nephews, Joseph Wagenbrenner Jr. and John Wagenbrenner both of Columbia and many cousins. He was predeceased by a brother John Wagenbrenner. Mark's family would like to thank his caretaker Koffi who was with him for the last two years and the Hospice Care nurses and staff. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, January 20th at 11:30 a.m. at the DellaVecchia Funeral Home, 211 N. Main St., Southington. Calling hours will be prior to the service starting at 10 a.m. Burial will follow in St. Thomas Cemetery, Southington. Masks are required at the funeral home. For online condolences and directions please visit, www.dellavecchiasouthington.com

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Burns Sr., Peter Murray



Peter M. Burns Sr., 76, passed away peacefully on January 9, 2022. Peter was born on April 19, 1945 in Hartford CT to the late Donald and Rosalyn (Murray) Burns. Peter graduated with a Bachelor's degree from St. Bonaventure University and a J.D. degree from Western New England University. Over the years he enjoyed working with Travelers, Connecticut Mutual and Aetna in Hartford. He belonged to the Hampden County Bar Association and was a past communicant of St. Michael's Parish. He enjoyed gardening, traveling and spending time with family on Cape Cod. He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife Sandra (Green) Burns, his daughter Cassandra Burns Newman, his daughter-in-law Meredith Burns, his grandchildren Myles and Leigh Chapman, and Charlotte Burns, his brother Thomas Burns and his wife Margo and his sister Mary Elizabeth Burns. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his son Peter Burns Jr. in 2015. A funeral mass for Peter will be held Tuesday January 18, 2022 at 10:30am in St. Michael's Parish, 128 Maple St., East Longmeadow. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Peter M. Burns Jr., Memorial Scholarship Fund, at Trinity College, Advancement Office, 300 Summit St., Hartford CT, 06106. To leave an online condolence visit www.forastiere.com.

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Robertson, Karl P.



Karl P. Robertson, 71, of Hartford, beloved husband for 51 years of Deborah (Osterling) Robertson, passed away on Tuesday, January 11, 2022. Born in Hartford on November 3, 1950, he was the son of the late Herman and Elsa (Heim) Robertson. Karl was a graduate of Bulkeley High School. He was employed as a manager for Midas, where he worked for over 40 years. Karl was very actively involved at South Congregational Church in Hartford, where he served as a Senior Deacon. He was an avid Boston Red Sox fan and enjoyed his bowling league. More than anything, he was a loving husband, father and grandfather who will be forever missed by his devoted wife Debbie; his two children, David Robertson of Hudson Falls, NY and Lynn Robertson of Hartford and his two adored grandsons, Miles and Jasper. He is also survived by his sister, Peggy Barles and his brother-in-law, Carl Osterling. Funeral services will be held at a later date. Donations in Karl's memory may be made to South Congregational Church, 277 Main Street, Hartford, CT 06106 or to a charity of the donor's choice. The D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, Wethersfield has been entrusted with the arrangements. To share a memory of Karl with his family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.



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Smith, Priscilla C.



Priscilla Cutler Smith, 83, of Orleans, Massachusetts died Saturday January 8, 2022. She was born to the late Henry and Mabel Stafford on November 20, 1938 in Newton, Massachusetts. Priscilla graduated from Newton High School and attended Henry Heywood School of Nursing in Gardner, Massachusetts. She was married to the late Charles M. Smith for 53 years, and they lived together in Glastonbury, Connecticut before retiring to Orleans, Massachusetts and Marco Island, Florida. Priscilla worked briefly as a nurse in Connecticut and volunteered for various organizations throughout her life, including Harford Hospital and Glastonbury Garden Club. She was passionate about gardening and traveled extensively with her husband Charlie. She cherished her time with family at their beach cottage in Brewster, Massachusetts. Priscilla leaves her daughter Katharine S. Olney and her husband Andrew of Gilford, New Hampshire and her son Douglas C. Smith and his wife Beth of Marco Island, Florida. Her grandchildren also survive her: Melissa Olney/Yates and her husband Charlie, Lance Olney, and Megan Smith. For the last three years of her life, Priscilla resided in an assisted living facility in Naples, Florida near her son Doug. A private service will be held in the summer in Orleans, Massachusetts, where she will be buried with her husband Charlie. For online condolences, please visit www.nickersonfunerals.com

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Skinner, Harold G.



Harold Grimshaw Skinner "Sandy" 85, a lifelong resident of Broad Brook, passed away Monday, January 10, 2022. He was the son of Harold G. Skinner and Florence (Grimshaw) Skinner. He was born May 21, 1936 in Hartford. Sandy was predeceased by his beloved wife of 50 years Gail (Risley) Skinner.

He lived his entire life in the home he was born in and enjoyed farming, hunting, camping, traveling, spending time at the beach and talking on his CB radio. He was retired from Pratt and Whitney Aircraft in East Hartford.

He is survived by his sons Brett Jay Skinner, Douglas Scott Skinner and his children, Stephanie and wife Heather and Danielle and Harold James Skinner and his children, Kyle, Soareena and Christopher and great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters-in-law Lucille and Andrew Rickis, Nancy and Richard Palumbo and his brother-in-law Winthrop (Sonny) Risley and many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are welcome to join the family from 10 to 11 AM with a funeral service following at 11 AM on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at the Bassinger & Dowd Funeral Home, 37 Gardner St. East Windsor, CT 06088. Burial will follow at Windsorville Cemetery in East Windsor. For online condolences please visit: www.pietrasfuneralhome.com

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Bellefleur, Edie L.



Edie L. Bellefleur born July 27, 1971. Passed away peacefully January 9th 2022. She is survived by her mother and father; Sue and Henry Bellefleur, a brother; Peter and his husband Paul and her beloved cat Zoey. 3 Uncles; John, Guy, Jim and their wives and many other relatives. Her domino partners Maria and Jose. She is predeceased by her grandparents; Ed and Anne Chasse, Louis and Elizabeth Bellefleur. Edie was an avid collector of Mickey Mouse memorabilia, a compassionate loving person so much so she decided to move to Maine to care of her Mimi, while in Maine she made many new friends, worked various jobs, but her favorite was working for Rita and Dan's family food truck. Sunshine you are loved and will be missed. A celebration of life will be held this summer privately at the convenience of the family. Newkirk and Whitney Funeral Home 318 Burnside Ave. East Hartford, CT. 06108 are assisting the family, please go to [www. Newkirk&Whitney.com](http://www.Newkirk&Whitney.com) to sign the online guest book.

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Colangelo, Beverly B (Briggs)

Beverly Colangelo, 94, passed away peacefully in her sleep on January 1, 2022 at her home at Chelmsford, MA. surrounded by loving family. She is the wife of the late Ralph Colangelo of West Hartford, CT and is survived by her three children, Kenneth Colangelo of Farmington, CT, Cynthia Henderson of Chelmsford, MA and Linda Colangelo of Blanding, UT. Her other daughter, Rachael Colangelo, of Kingston, MA, passed away in 2010. Beverly and Ralph have six grandchildren, Eric, Kenneth, Daniel and Tristan Henderson, Sarah Gyles, Jennifer Colangelo, and two great grandchildren, with another grandson expected in June. Beverly was a loving mother and grandmother and will be greatly missed and remembered fondly by all of us. Because her husband Ralph was in the military, she was able to travel and in later years they both loved to go on cruises. Beverly was an avid gardener and a member of the Officers Club in Hartford, loved tap dancing, and creating beautiful stained glass lamps and windows. She had many close friends over the years and kept in touch with them even as she grew older and moved away. Her motto was "Friendship doubles our joy and divides our grief." A private memorial service will be held at a later date for family and friends.

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Malawitz, Nellie Victoria



Nellie Victoria "Vicky" (Rozie) Malawitz, of Bloomfield, beloved wife of the late Anthony Malawitz, transitioned on Monday, January 10, 2022. Vicky is survived by her children, Mary Ann Manselle and Gregory L. Malawitz; her grandchildren, Gregory (Jacqueline), Kimberly, Tamara, and Sierra (Lawrence); great grandchildren; great great grandchildren; her daughter-in-law, Margaret Malawitz; and other relatives and friends. Vicky was also predeceased by her son, Gerald A. Malawitz; grandson, Gregory Cuyler; and her 10 siblings. Her family will receive friends on Friday, January 21, 2-3 p.m., with a Celebration of Life, 3 p.m., at Carmon Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor. Burial will be private. Please send condolence cards or flowers directly to the funeral home. To read the full obituary or attend the service remotely, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Morris, Barbara A. (Kinast)



Barbara A. Morris passed on 1/6/22 at 82 yrs young. Barbara AKA Mother Earth of the 70's in true hippie style, was a loving mother to six children. Barbara was born on 9/27/1939 in Valley Stream N.Y. to Charles and Claire Kinast. As a teenager Barbara and her family moved to Brookfield, CT. where they owned and ran Nick's motel on RT 7. As an adult Barbara lived in and loved Hartford and New Britain. Barbara volunteered for 25+ years caring for abandoned animals and finding them loving homes through Animal Friends Of CT. She loved gardening and watching the birds enjoy her gardens. Barbara is survived by her sister & brother in law Linda & Richard Litke, her son & daughter in law James & Nancy Manweiler, daughter & son in law Carrie & John Sales, son Roy Charles Morris, son & daughter in law Steven & Kathy Morris, daughter & son in law Jami-Lyn & Marc Gales, daughter Katherine Morris. As well as 10 grand children and 6 great grand children. In lieu of flowers please donate to Animal Friends Of Connecticut P.O. Box 370306 West Hartford, CT 06137 At Barbara's request no service will be held. A private family memorial is planned.

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Payne, Jeffrey Stuart



Jeffrey S. Payne a/k/a a Def Jeff took his final rest on Monday, January 10, 2022. Jeffrey was born in Bridgeport, CT on September 2, 1962, to the late Roscoe Payne, Sr., and Rita Ann Ford Payne. Jeffrey attended the Bridgeport and Stratford parochial school systems; graduated from Kolbe Cathedral High School and thereafter, enlisted in the United States Army. He leaves to mourn and rejoice his memory one son Zachary Paige: two sisters, Lois A. Payne-Slade (Darrell) and Valerie J. Payne both of CT: Two brothers Gregory K. Payne of CT and Jason O. Payne of OH; several nieces and nephews: Many L. Payne-Carrion (Jose), Jason R. Preston and Rita C. Payne of CT; Akira C. Slade of MD; and Aquialah, Anaia and Jason Payne, Jr. of GA. Additionally, he is survived by one aunt, Gennie Muse and a host of cousins and special friends. Services are Friday January 21, 2022 at Baker-Isaac Funeral Services. Viewing is at 11 am. Services commence at 12 pm. Masks must be worn at all times while inside the building. Services will be accessible by zoom.

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Allen , Stephen J.



Stephen Joseph Allen, 71, of Enfield, entered into eternal rest on Thursday, January 13, 2022. Born on Feb. 24, 1950 in Hartford, CT, raised in East Hartford, CT. Steve had resided in Enfield for 30 years. He was the son of the late Frank P. and Helen F. (Sheehan) Allen. Steve was a 1968 graduate of George J. Penney H.S. East Hartford, CT and attended Manchester Community College. He served proudly with the U.S. Navy from 1970 – 1974 during the Vietnam Conflict aboard the USS Cook (DE 1083) and was a "Plank Owner". Steve retired from Hamilton/Sundstrand as a Supervisor after 35 years of service. After retirement, he drove bus for Smyth Bus from 2009 – 2019. He enjoyed spending time with old and new friends especially those at Jimmy's Pub/Pizza Palace in Enfield.

Steve is survived by a brother & sister-in-law David F. Allen and Josephine V. Roman-Allen, a nephew Michael R. Allen all of Plainville, CT, an aunt Agnes Mazzucchi and cousins John Mazzucchi and Patti Civittolo. Service for Steve are private with interment in Rose Hill Memorial Park, Rocky Hill, CT. Browne Memorial Chapels, Enfield has been entrusted with his arrangements. To leave an online condolence message for the family visit: www.brownememorial-chapels.com.

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Atspins, Alphonse J.



Alphonse J. Atspins, "Al", of Hebron, passed away on January 10, 2022 at Middlesex Hospital after a sudden illness. He was 97 years old. Born on December 29, 1924, in Lawrence, MA, he was the son of the late Povyilas and Magdalene (Vaitiekunaite) Atstupenas. Al met the love of his life, Rita Rectenwald at Fort Devens, MA, while they were both serving in the Army during WWII. They would marry in 1946 and were inseparable for 75 years. After the war, Al and Rita settled in East Hartford, CT where they raised their family and lived for 35 years. They retired to Maine, Florida and later Hebron. Al was a great cook and loved cooking for family and friends. His talents were put to work in a labor of love as the Chef at Hartford Hospital for many years. Al was a devoted husband and father as well as a devout member of Saint Andrew's Roman Catholic Church. He always enjoyed entertaining friends and family at his lake house in Maine, spending his summers taking his grandkids out on his boat, teaching them how to swim, fish, and play poker. Known for his generosity, Al was always quick to help out his family, neighbors, and co-workers whenever someone needed a helping hand. He will be sadly missed but always remembered with love by his children, Carol Marchingiano and her partner, Bill Grabek of Colchester, Judith Petrofsky of Lebanon; grandchildren, Kristi Corporan of NC, Aaron Tupper and his wife Suzanne of Hebron, Jason Tupper and his wife Bree of Colchester and Bethany Petrofsky of VA; great grandchildren, Richard, Rebecca, Joshua, Dennis, Justin, Tyler, Zoey, Zachary and Sarah; great great grandchildren, Isabella, Madelyn, and Dillon; and numerous extended family members and friends. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sons in law, John Petrofsky and Dennis Tupper. A funeral mass will be celebrated on Friday, January 21st at 11 am directly at St. Andrew Church 128 Norwich Avenue Colchester with full military honors following. In lieu of flowers, donations in Al's memory may be made to the Glaucoma Research Foundation, at www.glaucoma.org. The Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home of Colchester has been entrusted with care of arrangements. For online condolences, please visit www.auroramccarthyfuneral-home.com.

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Hughie-Scott, Clover



Clover Hughie-Scott, formerly of West Hartford, transitioned to another life on December 30, 2021, after an extended illness. She was born on July 31, 1948, to Henry and Ellen Hughie in Kingston, Jamaica. She leaves behind her husband, the Rev. Hopeton Scott, daughter, Erica-Hope, grandchild, Mari, brother Kenneth, sisters-in-laws, Jennifer

and Lorna, her brothers-in-law, Derick, Albert, Linton, Bobby, Jeff and Courtney, members of the Wilkinson family, many nieces and nephews, grand nephews, grandnieces, cousins, God-children and the children/adults she adopted along the way. She lived a life of service, education, and community. First dedicating herself to the postal career in Montego Bay, Jamaica, before attending Church Teachers' College in Manchester where she studied English Literature and Language and Spanish Education. She worked in the insurance industry when she lived in Connecticut. She was predeceased in death by her parents Henry and Ellen, Aunt Ada, brother Michael and sisters Gloria and Yvonne. Funeral arrangements are provided by Simplicity Funeral and Cremation Services, North Charlestown, South Carolina. <https://lowcountryfuneral.com>

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Hurst, Clairanne E. (Lucas)



SUFFIELD, CT. ~ Clairanne E. Hurst, 90, formerly of 14 Oxford Drive, Suffield, CT, died on Sunday, January 9, 2022, at Brookdale Assisted Living after a long illness. She was a teacher in the Chicopee public school system for 3 years prior to her marriage in 1956. Born in Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts in 1931, she also lived in South Hadley, MA, Lincoln, RI, Wethersfield, CT, Manlius, NY, and Avon, CT before making Suffield, CT her home for over 30 years. She was a 1948 graduate of Chicopee High School and a 1952 graduate of Our Ladies of the Elms College in Chicopee, Ma. She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Suffield, Ct. She was involved in the Suffield Women's Club, the Suffield Women's Garden Club, and was a docent at Phelps-Hatheway House and Gardens in Suffield, Ct. She is predeceased by her husband of 64 years John P. Hurst and survived by her daughter Elizabeth Burke of Liverpool, NY and her son John Paul Hurst of Milton, DE; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The family would like to thank the nurses and staff at both Brookdale Assisted Living and Beacon Hospice for their kind care of Claireanne through her long fight with Dementia. Funeral services with a private burial in Fairview Cemetery, Chicopee will be held at the convenience of the family. Tylunas Funeral Home, Chicopee, Massachusetts.

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Chaffee, Jr., Howard L. L.



Howard L. Chaffee, Jr., 73, of Middletown, passed away peacefully on January 13, 2022 after a brave battle with a long illness. Howard was born April 26, 1948 to Agnes Knotek and Howard L. Chaffee. Sr. He grew up in East Hampton and graduated from East Hampton High School in 1966. After proudly serving four years in the United States Air Force, he returned to his hometown to raise his family. Before retiring, he worked at Pratt & Whitney in Middletown in the security division. Howard is survived by his daughters, Brenda J. Chaffee (William Hanna) of Middle Haddam, Nicole J. Chaffee (Gene Pirro) of Higganum, and their mother and his life-long partner, Barbara Palmer. He also leaves behind three wonderful grandsons, Timothy J. Peterson, Noah Chaffee and Spencer Clark; two sisters, Sandra King and Patty Chaffee; an extended family including his stepmother, Dorothy Balamicki and three step sisters, Charlene Wright, Kathy Basso and Camille Harrington. He was predeceased by his brother, Brian Chaffee. Howard was a quiet man with a wonderful sense of humor. When he was younger, he enjoyed boating on the CT River and traveling to the casinos. Most of all he loved being at home and spending time with his family. He has left a hole in our hearts and will be missed dearly. His family would like to extend a special thank you to the Middlesex Hospice Unit and the caring nurses that took care of him. A private service will be held in the Spring. Those who wish may send memorial contributions to any veteran association. To share memories or express condolences online please visit www.biegafuneralhome.com.

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Jenks, Richard W.



Richard (Rick) W. Jenks, 72 of Kernersville, NC, formerly of New London, CT passed away unexpectedly at his home on Sunday, November 28. He was born Dec 8, 1948 in New London, CT, son of the late Richard R. Jenks & Mary E. McKown Jenks. Raised in New London, he graduated from the New London High School in 1967. He attended Porter & Chester Technical School for computer aided drafting tool design. Rick was also active in the Army National Guard for 10 years. He is survived by his wife, Karen P Jenks, married 46 years. His 2 sons and their wives; Brent & Jackie Jenks, of South Windsor, CT. Ty & Deana Jenks of Kernersville, NC. His 3 grandchildren: Brent Jr and Zachary Jenks, and Piper Williamson. Rick is also survived by his sister Ann LaSalle & husband Charles LaSalle of Walpole, MA. In addition, Rick is survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Besides his love for his family and friends, Rick enjoyed car shows, cruise nights, the occasional stock car races and the drag strip races. With his methodical process and paying attention to detail, he enjoyed small wood working projects around the house. He lived and loved life. There was never a day without a smile on his face or hearing a classic Dad joke. A celebration of life to follow at a later date.

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Klosowski, Mark F



Mark F. Klosowski, 59, of Oakland Park, Florida formerly of South Windsor, CT passed away on January 13, 2022 at home surrounded by his family. He leaves behind his father, Frank Klosowski of South Windsor, sisters Lynne (Michael) Gottier of South Windsor, Susan (Doug) Muse of Midland, Georgia, brother Michael (Susan) Klosowski, of Vernon and nephews and nieces, Paul Gottier, Elizabeth Grohs, Michael, Matthew, Maria Klosowski and great nephew and niece Bennett and Eleanor Gottier. He also leaves his Aunt Kathy Klosowski and many cousins. He was predeceased by his mother Sandra Klosowski. In addition he leaves many, many close friends. Mark was a graduate of South Windsor High School and Ohio State University where he majored in linguistics and Chinese. Throughout his life he worked for software companies in Ohio, California, and Maui, spent a year in Turkey teaching English as a second language and most recently for Articulate where he was a Quality Assurance Engineer. Mark enjoyed hiking, coffee with friends, science fiction, following the space programs, online gaming and his two cats Mulder and Scully.

The family wishes to thank Mark's friends Tim, David, Mark, Jim, Gordon and Elena for their love and support. Funeral arrangements will be made at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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Zaklukiewicz, Linda



Linda Zaklukiewicz, 74, of Middletown, wife of the late Leonard Zaklukiewicz, died Tuesday January 11, 2022 at Hartford Hospital. Linda was born in Middletown, daughter of the late, James and Angelina "Angie" (Accaputo) Blancato. Prior to her retirement Linda was employed as a crossing guard with the city of Middletown. Linda's greatest joy was her six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was a devoted mother, grandmother and Gigi. She loved to be surrounded by her family. She poured so much love into every Sunday Dinner. She leaves a legacy of faith, love and laughter. Linda is survived by two daughters, Cheryl Timbro and her husband Michael of Middletown, Susan DeRita and her husband Peter of Middleton six grandchildren, Stephen, Kevin, Jordan, Nicholas, Stephanie, Grace and 8 great-grandchildren, a brother James Blancato and his wife JoAnne of Rocky Hill, a sister Joan Corson of East Hampton also several nieces and nephews. Linda was predeceased by a sister, Diane Blancato. Funeral services will be held Wednesday January 19, 2022 at 11 a.m. at Vox Church 653 S Main St, Middletown. Friend may call at the church prior to the service from 10 to 11 a.m. Memorial contributions may be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital P.O. Box 1000 Dept 142 Memphis, TN 3810. To share memories or express condolences online please visit www.biegafuneralhome.com.

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Albanese, Lane



Lane Albanese (formally Nancy Lane) of Rocky Hill, CT, age, 78, was born in New York City and lived in Brooklyn until age 7 when she and her family moved to Great Neck, NY. She attended Syracuse University and then Adelphi College where she was set up on a blind date with her future husband. Married at age 19, Lane has three wonderful children; David Lane, who resides in Australia with his wife, Susan and their children, Sam and Max; Kenneth Lane who resides in Scarsdale, NY with his wife, Alyson and their children, Alex, Joey and Amelia; and Debbie Castleman who resides in Florida with her husband, Michael and their children, Jordan and Lauren.

During her life, Lane had her own cookie company in Provincetown, a pie company operated out of her home, was an accomplished, self- taught artist and photographer, a cake decorator for Baskin Robbins and much to Lane's delight sold her hand-knit, one-of-a-kind scarves in West Hartford. She was most happy feeding her creativity with colors, shapes and textures.



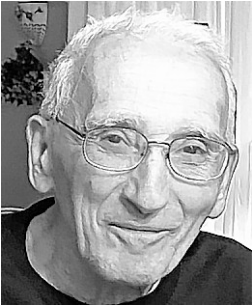
Having complained to a childhood friend how she didn't want to be "set up", Lane would meet her future wife, Anita Albanese, "on a blind date." Anita and Lane shared 26 beautiful years together. They had a full life which included solving the daily newspaper jumble, a.k.a. making up words that do not exist, trying to learn how to dance for their wedding (they had to stay after class for extra help) and laughing and crying as they navigated their relationship over the years. Lane kept all of those who knew her "on their toes" and with her direct and unpretentious ways which as the years progressed became very endearing indeed.

There are not enough words in the English language to describe how much Lane will be missed and how much she was loved. Because of this there will be a memorial service at a later date to allow all her friends and family to attend.

Life can abruptly change at any given moment, so instead of flowers or other donations, Lane would want you to hug the ones you love and tell them how much they mean to you. That's the best way we all can celebrate those closest to us.

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Maccarone, Armand A.



Armand A. Maccarone, 88, died January 10, 2022 at Apple Rehabilitation in Middletown, CT after a long battle with dementia and a short battle with COVID-19. Born in 1933, in Hartford, CT, Armand was the son of the late Urban and Mary (Marone) Maccarone. He grew up on Bonner Street in Hartford, and lived in Rocky Hill, CT for many years. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Gloria (Scionti) Maccarone, who left him behind in 2001. He found love again with his second wife, Lorraine Motta-Maccarone, by whom he will be dearly missed. Armand is also survived by his children, Marie Foohey and her husband Paul of South Glastonbury, CT, Rosemary Ayers and her husband Buddy of Glastonbury, CT, and Patricia Faulkner and her husband James of Rockville, CT, his grandchildren, Paula Meunier, Jacquelin McBride, Christopher Foohey, Elena Ayers, Heather Faulkner and James Faulkner, and his great grandchildren, Raiden Hemphill and Harper Foohey, all of whom deeply mourn his passing. He also will be missed by Lorraine's family, considered as part of his own, Michele Motta and her partner Joe Calabro of Cheshire, CT, Elaine Motta and

her wife Tatjana Homich of Rocky Hill, CT, and Michele's children, Dan and Ben Schena. He was predeceased by his big brothers, Ralph Maccarone and Justin Maccarone, and their wives. He is survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. Following graduation from Hartford Public High School, Armand went to work at Western Electric and remained employed as a supervisor by its numerous successors until his retirement. He was stationed in Germany with the U.S. Army, which sparked his love of travel and prompted him to visit numerous places around the world with Gloria and his brothers and their spouses, and then Lorraine. Armand was a hard worker, industrious and creative. He could fix anything, and his home appliances went through many lives before he would officially declare them beyond repair. During his retirement, he built homes weekly with Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity, only ceasing to do so when his dementia kept him from navigating to the building sites. His family members treasure the many stained-glass lamps, mirrors and ornaments that he created for them. He will be remembered for his generous heart, his kindness, an Italian green thumb, and his love of family. Family meant the world to him, encompassing the Maccarones, Mottas, and Sciontis, as well as the many Marone descendants for whom he helped orchestrate the Marone Family Reunion for decades. Armand's family would like to thank the caregivers who helped make his final years comfortable, including his devoted wife Lorraine and John Hardnett of Companions & Homemakers. Due to COVID-19, burial will be at the convenience of the family. Memorial donations may be made to Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity, 780 Windsor Street, Hartford, CT 06120 and the Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, 103 Vision Way, Bloomfield, CT 06002.

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Cefaratti, Donato



Donato Cefaratti passed away in Farmington Connecticut on January 10, 2022 after a swift decline in his health but not before a very full journey of life of 95 yrs.

Born in Campodipietra, Campobasso Italy on September 16th 1926. His parents were Natalizia (DeRubertis) and Carlo Cefaratti. He was the youngest of a large family. He immigrated to Canada in 1957 with some of his family and later met his "everything" Beata, married and moved to Connecticut in 1968. Donato and Beata had not had children of their own but they loved and adored both their extended family. Donato in his adult married years spent some years living in New Britain and then built his dream home in Farmington, Connecticut. Donato had a few different jobs including construction work and factory work eventually retiring from New Departure in Bristol, Connecticut. Although Donato lived and planted his roots in Connecticut especially in his earlier years, he never minded the road trip to Canada in his "Pride Ride" his burgundy sports Mustang for visits with extended family. Donato and his wife both hosted lots of family holidays and really loved their family. He welcomed having his father in law, Antonio and his mother, Natalina stay with them into their later years of life. Donato also loved traveling back to Italy for summer vacations to his home town in Italy where he would stay in the very house he grew up in and enjoy catching up with his childhood best friend, Pasqual. Donato had been an active member of St. Ann's Church in New Britain. He was a member of the Italian Campodipietra Society Club in New Britain where he enjoyed dinner dances with friends and family from his home town in Italy. Donato was so proud of the home he and his wife had built in Farmington. Donato and Beata threw a large celebration for their 25th Anniversary where they renewed their vows in front of many family and friends. Donato enjoyed gardening and making wine. He was introduced to hunting deer and even took pride in catching a bear. Donato enjoyed playing bocce ball with family and even joined a group of friends who played regularly. He also learned how to bowl and was on a league. Donato enjoyed playing the Italian card game called Scopa. In his later years when his travel days started to slow down he was courageous and bought a computer and learned how to correspond electronically with his family from Argentina and Canada. Donato also loved watching the Italian station on TV and was a dedicated fan of the professional Italian soccer teams. Donato was a great problem solver and inventor especially as he started to navigate life in his mature years determined to sustain his independence. Donato's wife had thrown him an amazing 90th birthday party where all of his family and friends joined to help him celebrate this milestone. A significant loss for Donato was when his wife and life partner passed away five years ago. Over the last five years after the loss of his wife Beata, Donato struggled with the sadness of her loss. He had resigned to more time spent in the comfort of his home where he lived alone, still sustaining independence at a slower pace and welcoming when family was able to visit. We celebrate the many memories we have had with Donato, reflect and appreciate how he has had an imprint on all of our lives.

In consideration to the current pandemic, there will be no calling hours. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held in honor of Donato's life at St. Ann Church of St. Joachim Parish, 101 North St., New Britain on January 19, 2022 at 11 AM. Burial will be at St. Mary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in memory of Donato to PadrePio.com, out of Cromwell, Connecticut. Erickson-Hansen Funeral Home, 411 South Main St., New Britain is in charge of arrangements. To share a memory or offer condolences please visit www.ericksonhansen.com

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Bogard, James R.



James Richard Bogard, 87, of Windsor, CT, loving husband of 50 years to Carol (Anderberg) Bogard, passed away peacefully on Monday, January 10, 2022, at his home surrounded by his family. Jim was born in Mason City, IA, son to the late Cecil R. and Evelyn (Patterson) Bogard.

Jim grew up in Iowa, Indiana, Illinois, and Minnesota. He attended Mankato West High School in Mankato, MN, where he graduated with the class of 1952. He went on to receive his bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota. Later, Jim earned a master's degree in Business as well as Environmental Science from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Jim served his country for two years with the U.S. Air Force in Clovis, NM before beginning his thirty-year career with United Technologies. He started with Hamilton Standard, then relocated to the Research Center and finally settled with the Science & Technology team at the Corporate Headquarters in Hartford before his retirement in 1989. Jim was an Eagle Scout and was the Scout Master for Troop #149 in Windsor. He was also a parishioner of Grace Episcopal Church in Windsor where he served on their Vestry. Jim and Carol's love for skiing brought them to the Green Mountains of Vermont where they built a home in the Chimney Hill Community of Wilmington. His love for woodworking and carpentry helped him finish the interior of the Vermont home. During his time in Vermont, he served on the Chimney Hill HOA Board of Directors, the Wilmington Economic Development Committee and also on several other town committees in conjunction with FEMA after Tropical Storm Irene in 2011. Jim was an active member of the Stump Jumpers Snowmobile Club, serving as Treasurer for over twenty years. He enjoyed trail maintenance in the fall as well as grooming the trails in the winter months for himself and others to enjoy. He was a guy who thrived on "making things happen." Over the years, Jim and Carol had traveled to many far-off places, but he most enjoyed driving their Class A motorhome and camping across much of the United States.

In addition to his wife, Jim is survived by a son Arthur H. Bogard of Windsor; a brother John Bogard and his wife Judith of MN; a nephew Paul Bogard and his family also of MN; and a niece Rachel Bateman and her husband of Colorado.

Funeral services for Jim will be held at a later date to be announced. Carmon Windsor Funeral Home is in care of his arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Helen & Harry Gray Cancer Center, 85 Retreat Ave., Hartford, CT 06106. To leave an online message of condolence for his family, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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McKenzie, Anthony B.



Anthony "STACK" B. McKenzie, 60, of Hartford, CT departed this life on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. Anthony was born on April 2, 1961, to Edith McKenzie and the late Calvin McKenzie in Hartford, CT. A memorial service to celebrate Anthony's life will take place on Friday, January 21, 2022 at 2:00pm at Henry L. Fuqua Funeral Service (A

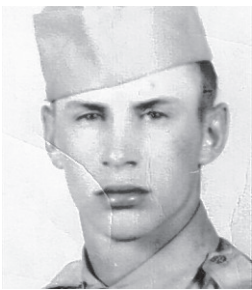
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Albert, Leo J.



Leo J. Albert, 85, beloved husband to Joan (Patitucci) Albert, of East Hartford, passed away on Friday, December 31, 2021. He was born on Madawaska, Maine on February 20, 1936 to the late Benjamin and Alice (Herbert) Albert. After high school Leo served his country and joined the United States Army. Leo was an operating engineer for the IUOE Local

478. Besides his wife Joan, Leo is survived by his sons, Brian Albert and Todd Albert and his wife Kimberly. He is survived by his grandchildren, Evan, Paige, Alexis and Andrew and one great-grandchild. He is predeceased by all eleven of his siblings. Services for Leo were private. To leave condolence please visit FarleySullivan.com

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Bowman, Martha (Dietrich)

Martha Dietrich Bowman (74) died at home on January 12, 2022. She was born on August 28, 1947 in New Britain to Oskar and Olga (Drachenberg) Dietrich. Her parents and husband, William, predeceased her. Martha received a BA in German and History from Central Connecticut State University. Throughout her career, primarily as a technical writer for Travelers Insurance and other entities, Martha was active in several communication related organizations. Avid knitter, quilter and gardener Martha also enjoyed singing with the Memorial Baptist Church Choir in Hartford and the Hartford Saengerbund. She leaves her siblings, Ruth, Anne and Oscar Dietrich. There will be a private graveside committal. Special thanks to hospice workers: Elena, Petra, Casey, Vilma, Renee and Capri. Donations in Martha's name may be made to the ALS Association, Connecticut Chapter.

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Jiles, Alice M.



Alice M. Jiles, 59, of Hartford, CT went into eternal rest on Thursday, December 30, 2021. Alice was born in Troy, AL on February 18, 1962 to Alice B. Lindsey and the late Nathaniel Jiles.

A celebration of Alice's life will take place on Saturday, January 22, 2022 at 3:00pm with a visitation from 1:00pm – 3:00pm at Henry L. Fuqua

Funeral Service (A Division of Howard K. Hill Funeral Services), 94 Granby Street, Bloomfield, CT 06002. To leave a message of comfort for the Jiles family, view the full obituary and livestreaming of services, please visit, www.hkhfuneralservices.com

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Kuzoian, Donald S.



Donald Setrak Kuzoian, 87, of Newington, died peacefully on Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022. He was the beloved husband of Isabelle (Giordano)Kuzoian for 57 years. Born in Providence, RI, son of the late Stephen and Paris (Asadorian) Kuzoian, he was a longtime Newington resident. Don and his brothers, Steve and Dick, started 3 Sons Restaurant in Elmwood in 1954

and later went on to open restaurants in Farmington and Wethersfield. Later on, Steve and Dick opened their own restaurants and Don became sole owner of the Wethersfield restaurant.

He was a member of Wethersfield UNICO and a lifetime member of the Wethersfield Volunteer Firefighters Association. Don was honored with the Man of the Year award by the Wethersfield Police Union for his many years of support. He was a 60-year member of A.F. & A.M. of Connecticut, Wylyys-St. John's Lodge. For years he was involved in Newington baseball as a coach and as a manager. He was an avid fan of the Boston Red Sox and UConn Girls Basketball.

Don enjoyed his coffee time with good friend Tom Harris and his many breakfast stops at his nephew Doug Kuzoian's restaurant, Steve's Place. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to his family and friends. We will miss his beautiful smile, his dimples and his sweet and friendly style.

Donnie was forever amazed at what an incredible father Don was – he certainly made up for losing his own father at only 11 years old. He was a loving and devoted father, grandfather and great grandfather and leaves his son, who he always referred to as his "pride and joy", Donald James Kuzoian and his wife Susanna; granddaughter Alexa Turgeon and her husband Tyler; and great grandchildren Liam and Adelynn. He also leaves his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Elsie Kuzoian, Joan Badger and husband Eugene, Tilly Casasanta, Sally Simard and husband Joseph, Diane Lamore and husband Chester, Thomas Giordano and wife Beverly, Donald Giordano and wife Valerie, and John Giordano; several loving nieces and nephews; and his grand doggies Mindy and Olivia.

He was predeceased by brothers Robert Kuzoian and wife Helen, Stephen Kuzoian, and Richard Kuzoian and wife Nancy.

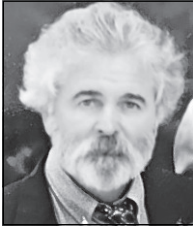
He will be laid to rest privately in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held in the spring. Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington, is serving the family. To share your sorrow, please visit us at www.duksa.net.



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JAMES W. GREENE, JR.



January 14, 2021

You left us a year ago but your accomplishments and funny stories live on. Love, your family and friends

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Piles of trash sit at the regional refuse-to-energy plant in Hartford. The plant is scheduled to be shut down in June, adding another 700,000 tons of garbage a year that will likely be sent to out-of-state landfills. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

EDITORIAL

SOLVING THE TRASH PROBLEM

For Connecticut, food waste diversion is an important step

We have a problem with trash. This includes sheer quantity. According to the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, our more than 3 million residents produce almost 4 million tons of municipal solid waste annually and dispose of nearly 2.6 million tons.

Amid this mountain of refuse, the problem also includes the planned shutdown of the trash-to-energy plant in Hartford in June, which means much of Connecticut's waste likely will be going to out-of-state landfills. (Note that, according to DEEP, our total amount of solid waste is about three-quarters of a ton of trash disposed per person, per year.)

The MIRA's trash-to-energy plant in Hartford that is scheduled to close is the largest of five such plants in the state, and capacity is shrinking and may decline by 40% by 2026 at out-of-state landfills, DEEP has said.

But state environmental officials say they have been urging recycling and reuse solutions.

One of those is a pilot food-scrap collection set to launch this month in 1,000 Meriden homes, an effort

officials say is part of leading the way to reducing organic waste throughout Connecticut.

We think it's an innovative idea. Middletown last year launched a food-scrap recycling effort, through which Main Street restaurants collected all vegetable and meat scraps from their kitchens and patrons' plates. The scraps are collected twice weekly by Hartford-based Blue Earth Compost.

Middletown also has a food-scrap recycling program for residents, one that city says it expanded last year to include a second location.

In terms of reducing food waste, Middletown offers solid advice: "Try one idea at a time, so it doesn't get overwhelming."

The Meriden process seems simple: DEEP says color-coded bags (green in this case) will be

given to residents this month to use for the four-month program. The bags will be collected along with other trash (that's another color: orange bags), but organic waste will be sent to Quantum Biopower in Southington to be transformed into energy, according to DEEP.

DEEP Commissioner Katie Dykes says such strategies "have been shown to work elsewhere in the U.S. and abroad."

"The city of Meriden is leading the way by launching this pilot at a critical time for Connecticut's waste system," Dykes said.

Dykes' agency notes that currently an estimated 35% of the material flowing from state homes and businesses to landfills and trash-to-energy plants is organic and could be used as compost and animal feed or converted to gas and fuel at anaerobic digestion facilities, The Courant has reported.

So, using DEEP figures, our math shows that for each person in Connecticut about 525 pounds of their solid waste is organic, and this pilot program should produce at least 4,300 pounds a month in Meriden to send to Quantum Biopower. (That's 1,000 homes

and 35% of the solid waste of one person per home).

That's not a lot when you think about the total quantity of trash that we all contribute to here in Connecticut.

As we have reported, the state now sends about 400,000 tons of waste to landfills in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York and other states each year. The shuttering of the Hartford plant will add another 700,000 tons, Tom Kirk, president of the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority, has said.

Industry officials also have said there are challenges to organics diversion, including the need to make sure material is cleanly separated from plastics and other waste, that separate trucks could be needed for collection and movement of the materials, and that methods would be needed to address odor, wildlife and pest incursions and any other problems associated with possibly stinky garbage.

But it's a step in the direction Connecticut must take to change habits, experiment, and invest in programs that ensure we learn new ways to reduce what has to go into landfills.

Tough questions ahead as election season approaches



Kevin Rennie

Campaigns require candidates to put on their armor and head into battle because their skin grows thinner and thinner. Gov. Ned Lamont illustrated the rule recently, expect others to follow.

Lamont launched his bid for a second term last fall and has caused or endured a series of stumbles. The most jarring occurred between the Christmas and New Year's weekends when the governor's administration made a cannot-look-away mess of a claim that millions of COVID-19 test kits in California were soon to

arrive in Connecticut.

Prudence in a competitive market should have caused Lamont to make an announcement only when the shipment arrived in the Constitution State. But common sense is subordinated to anything that might advance the boss's reelection campaign.

The kits were stuck in the warehouse, the runway, the plane, depending on the day and hour. They had photos, Lamont and the commissioner of public health insisted in a Dec. 30 press conference at a forlorn warehouse in East Hartford. Lamont, who has a graduate degree in business from Yale, believed the state had a deal with the supplier and thought we might even have had a contract. They'd seen the pictures.

There were no photographs

to see. Lamont was executing a humiliating climb-down from a stinging embarrassment and making it up as he stumbled along. Lamont's spokesman, former WVIT political reporter Max Reiss, declared the governor's understanding was "muddy." As an election draws nearer people will utter the most preposterous words to build a bridge from one nonsensical sentence to another.

The state's incredibly shrinking Republican Party, could not resist highlighting Lamont's discomfort. It posted a short video on the internet mocking the Greenwich Democrat over his December failure. In 30 seconds, the ad took a shot at Lamont's close relationship with disgraced former

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Before delivering his State of the State address in 2020, Gov. Ned Lamont greets House Minority Leader Themis Klarides and Senate Minority Leader Len Fasano. Klarides is expected to make a run at the governor's office this year. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

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OPINION

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Story on state’s unclaimed money misled public

Connecticut ranked 2nd in 2020 with rate of return with 55.11%

By Maria Greenslade

I was extremely disappointed to read the many misleading statements made in the CT Mirror story “How state keeps unclaimed money away from public” [Connecticut, Page 1, Jan. 5].

In this age of misinformation, it’s important to get the facts. Therefore, I want to correct these false narratives. Suggestions in the article that state officials purposefully work in a partisan conspiracy that “keeps unclaimed money” to cushion the budgets of the General Fund and Citizens’ Election Fund are unequivocally false.

With over 15 years of management experience at the Office of the Treasurer administering Connecticut’s unclaimed properties, I have been dedicated to reuniting rightful owners with their property, while ensuring compliance with state law.

As immediate past vice president for the eastern region and a long-standing member of the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators (NAUPA), I have been focused on best practices for reconnecting property to rightful owners. And, throughout my career, the division has and will continue to return property diligently and lawfully to rightful owners. I want to explain how Connecticut’s program actually works.

“Unclaimed property” refers to assets that are often abandoned or forgotten cash deposits in banks and other business entities. Connecticut’s unclaimed property program was established over a century ago as a consumer protection law, requiring the Office of the Treasurer to receive, account for, and safeguard these funds until rightful owners make claims. By law, unclaimed property is turned over to our office once the holder of the assets cannot locate the owner for generally three years or more. However, the right of owners to get their property back is guaranteed by the state forever.

Legal requirements to transfer some of these assets annually for the public good, including the state’s General Fund and Citizen’s Election Fund, do not inhibit in any way the ability of rightful owners to claim their property.

Since Treasurer Shawn Wooden came into office in 2019, he has taken key steps to improve the efficiency of the unclaimed property program, making the state’s process for property owners to identify and submit claims easier than any time in the history of this program.

In fact, in fiscal year 2020, Connecticut ranked second nationally in rate of return of unclaimed property, according to NAUPA’s annual report covering 48 states that submitted performance data. That year, Connecticut’s rate of return was 55.11%, while the national average was 40.33%.

Last February, our office



Wooden

rolled out a new CTBigList.com website, giving Connecticut residents the ability to make paperless claims online, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Data on this website is now updated daily. Following these updated features, CTBigList, claims increased by nearly 32%, realizing Wooden’s efforts to make the process easier for residents to file a claim.

CTBigList.com lists unclaimed property valued at \$50 or more in compliance with state law. Everyone can get their money back, even with unclaimed property valued under \$50. In addition to the CTBigList website, customer service is available by calling to speak to a representative who can look up a potential claimant’s name, including searching for properties below the statutory threshold unlisted online.

It is important to note that over 99% of Connecticut’s unclaimed properties are either valued above the statutory \$50 threshold for publication or associated with names that can be found through the CTBigList online search. This means that less than

1% of all unclaimed properties require a phone call for a quick name search for individual values under \$50. Most people who file a valid claim on CTBigList get more money back than initially identified because our office matches the claimant with unclaimed property of any value in our system. The added dollar amount returned to rightful owners often relates to unclaimed property under the statutory \$50 threshold automatically matched and added to a claimant’s name by our office when their claim is processed.

I am proud the unclaimed property division annually returns millions of dollars to thousands of rightful owners. It’s now easier than ever to get your unclaimed property in Connecticut. We encourage everyone to visit www.CTBigList.com or call 1-800-833-7318 to see if you’ve got money.

Maria Greenslade is an assistant treasurer at Connecticut’s Office of the Treasurer, leading the unclaimed property division since 2006

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sacred Heart’s clinic on unsportsmanlike conduct

This is an easy one: The Sacred Heart Academy’s girls’ basketball coach and athletic director should be fired. If they had an ounce of class, they would resign [Opinion, Page 8, Jan. 8, “Sacred Heart’s 92-4 game became a lesson for all”]. They are responsible for the score against Lyman Hall-Wallingford. This was not a game by any stretch of the imagination. It was an 88-point slaughter of another team and was devoid of compassion or mercy. Sacred Heart should be prohibited from postseason play, but that would penalize the team members who are blameless. A player does what the coach says or ends up on the bench.

This was an intentional humiliation of young girls in front of their family and friends. Participating in a sport is a wonderful experience. It teaches valuable life lessons. Unfortunately, this debacle was a clinic in unsportsmanlike conduct.

Vinnie Turley, Hartford

Brush with greatness: My flight with Sidney Poitier

I have had a conversation with only one significantly famous person in my life and that was with Sidney Poitier [Page 5, Jan. 8, “Star smashed Hollywood’s standards”]. We were seated across the aisle from each other in the first-class section of a flight from Tokyo to Los Angeles in 2002. He was reading a book on astronomy and commented that he had read it years before and wanted to read it again.

It turns out that he had checked it out, along with another one, from a public library. Here we have a man of means who was using his public library card to check

out books rather than buying a new one, which says a lot about his character. He left me a quote that I will always remember: “It is a sacrilege to not read.” That quote is a great gift to all humanity. RIP, Sidney Poitier.

Donald E. Lewis, Manchester

Let’s get facts straight on Benedict Arnold

It’s all well and good to reassess Benedict Arnold’s motivation for switching sides during the Revolutionary War, but Christopher Arnott’s story on a film’s attempt to rehabilitate him should have been balanced with an accounting of the murderous raids he and his British troops conducted against Connecticut shoreline towns — raids in which ancestors of mine and of many other residents lost their lives or livelihoods [Connecticut, Page 1, Jan. 10, “Benedict Arnold’s legacy reassessed in film”]. Readers who don’t know of Arnold’s actions in the latter stages of the war might see him only as a wronged, sympathetic figure, when the truth is far darker.

Tom Mennillo, Newington

Lamont works from home, but our kids cannot

How nice for Gov. Ned Lamont that he gets to work from home while recuperating from hip surgery.

Too bad our children are not afforded the virtual option. Instead we are forced to send them to school while the DPH and districts have given up on contact tracing while insisting school is safe. So Lamont gets to work virtually, but our children cannot. Hypocrisy much?

Jenny Law, Higganum



Peter O'Meara stars in “Benedict Arnold: Hero Betrayed.” The documentary/drama hybrid reassesses the reputation of the American Revolution icon whose name became synonymous with “traitor” but doesn’t change the dark results of his actions. **TALON FILMS**

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New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo. It also reminded viewers that the tri-state region suffered much misery during the pandemic.

Nothing about the ad was unusual. Modern politics are brutal and often fought in short bursts of grainy photos, ominous voices, and scary soundtracks. Lamont is familiar with these tactics. He’s employed them in his three extravagantly self-financed statewide campaigns.

Lamont, nearing the start of his third year of governing with emergency powers, took offense at the ad and drew more attention to it. The American aristocrat objected, declaring, according to the CT Mirror, “We are in a war against an invisible enemy — COVID. Usually, when a state, a country, are in a war, they rally together and they speak with one voice. And we don’t take cheap political shots, not when we are trying to get everybody through a tense situation.”

Lamont first made his name

in national politics in 2006 — a year when dissent was the highest form of patriotism. The nation was in a war then too. One that Lamont opposed. We did not speak with one voice then and we are not obligated to now. Disagreeing with Donald Trump’s misbegotten COVID policies and practices played a critical role in the defeat of the loathsome demagogue in 2020.

Lamont did not preach the gospel of one voice and one voice only two years ago.

Now as he prepares to face voters the public’s right to speak

annoys him.

The governor will use a slice of his vast fortune to finance his reelection campaign, as is his custom. If Lamont gets his wish and Republicans make the fatal error of nominating former state Rep. Themis Klarides for governor, Lamont and national Democrats will remind voters for months that Klarides is married to Eversource executive Gregory Butler. The Lamont campaign will ask Connecticut voters, who pay the highest electric rates in the continental United States, if they want to merge the gover-

nor’s office with the utility giant. It’s a legitimate question.

Other legitimate questions include reviewing Republican Bob Stefanowski’s 2018 fantasy to repeal the state income tax. Or his career in the payday loan business.

No one should object to an examination of Lamont’s troubles navigating the intersection of state government and his family finances.

I’m happy to wear a mask as we fight the war on COVID-19, but I will not be silenced. Neither should you.



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COMMENTARY

America continuing to fall apart at the seams



David Brooks

In June a statistic floated across my desk that startled me. In 2020, the number of miles Americans drove fell 13% because of the pandemic, but the number of traffic deaths rose 7%.

I couldn't figure it out. Why would Americans be driving so much more recklessly during the pandemic? But then in the first half of 2021, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, motor vehicle deaths were up 18.4% even over 2020. Contributing factors, according to the agency, included driving under the influence, speeding and failure to wear a seat belt.

Why are so many Americans driving irresponsibly?

While gloomy numbers like these were rattling around in my brain, a Substack article from Matthew Yglesias hit my inbox recently. It was titled "All Kinds of Bad Behavior Is on the Rise." Not only is reckless driving on the rise, Yglesias pointed out, but the number of altercations on airplanes has exploded, the murder rate is surging in cities, drug overdoses

are increasing, Americans are drinking more, nurses say patients are getting more abusive, and so on and so on.

Yglesias is right. Teachers are facing a rising tide of disruptive behavior. The Wall Street Journal reported in December, "Schools have seen an increase in both minor incidents, like students talking in class, and more serious issues, such as fights and gun possession. In Dallas, disruptive classroom incidents have tripled this year compared with pre-pandemic levels, school officials said."

This month, the Institute for Family Studies published an essay called "The Drug Epidemic Just Keeps Getting Worse." The essay noted that drug deaths had risen almost continuously for more than 20 years, but "overdoses shot up especially during the pandemic." For much of this time, the overdose crisis has been heavily concentrated among whites, but in 2020, the essay observed, "the Black rate exceeded the white rate for the first time."

In October, CNN ran a story titled, "Hate Crime Reports in U.S. Surge to the Highest Level in 12 Years, FBI Says." The FBI found that between 2019 and 2020, the number of attacks targeting Black people, for example, rose to 2,871 from 1,972.

The number of gun purchases has soared. In January 2021, more than 2 million firearms were bought, The Wash-

ington Post reported, "an 80% year-over-year spike and the third-highest one-month total on record."

As Americans' hostility toward one another seems to be growing, their care for one another seems to be falling.

A study from Indiana University's Lilly Family School of Philanthropy found that the share of Americans who give to charity is steadily declining. In 2000, 66.2% of households made a charitable donation. But by 2018, only 49.6% did.

The share who gave to religious causes dropped as worship service attendance did. But the share of households who gave to secular causes also hit a new low, 42%, in 2018.

This is not even to mention the parts of the deteriorating climate that are hard to quantify — the rise in polarization, hatred, anger and fear.

It has to be said that not every trend is bad. Substance use among teenagers, for example, seems to be declining. And a lot of these problems are caused by the presumably temporary stress of the pandemic.

But something darker and deeper seems to be happening as well — a long-term loss of solidarity, a long-term rise in estrangement and hostility. This is what it feels like to live in a society that is dissolving from the bottom up as much as from the top down.

What is going on? I don't know. I also

don't know what's causing the high rates of depression, suicide and loneliness that dogged Americans even before the pandemic and that are the sad flip side of all the hostility and recklessness I've just described.

We can round up the usual suspects: social media, rotten politics. But some of our poisons must be sociological — the fraying of the social fabric. Last year, Gallup had a report titled "U.S. Church Membership Falls Below Majority for First Time." In 2019, the Pew Research Center had a report: "U.S. Has World's Highest Rate of Children Living in Single Parent Households."

And some of the poisons must be cultural. In 2018, The Washington Post had a story headlined "America Is a Nation of Narcissists, According to Two New Studies."

But there must also be some spiritual or moral problem at the core of this. Over the past several years and over a wide range of different behaviors, Americans have been acting in fewer pro-social and relational ways and in more anti-social and self-destructive ways. But why?

As a columnist, I'm supposed to have some answers. But I just don't right now. I just know the situation is dire.

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Loneliness squeezing those in middle

By Tyler Cowen
Bloomberg Opinion

Loneliness has been one of the greatest harms of the pandemic, and some people are more afflicted than others. In general, those at the very top and the very bottom of the socioeconomic ladder have had the most chances to meet and socialize, while those in between have suffered the worst consequences.

Start with those in the higher socioeconomic tiers. I am not at the elite level of CEOs or heads of state. But from my own experience I can say that such individuals have many opportunities to socialize.

I have been to conferences, for instance, at which everyone is required to test for COVID-19 each morning, under the guidance of trained professionals. That arrangement is expensive, but some groups can afford it. I have also been to a conference held in the winter in Arizona at a large, nice resort, with most of the sessions outdoors.

On a more global scale, a meeting of leaders from the Group of 20 countries was held last fall in Rome. While the full details of that get-together are not public, it is very likely that the standards for testing, vaccination and ventilation were strict.

These precautions make sense for presidents and prime ministers. The case is less clear for comparable investments to make meetings for lesser diplomats safe. And so while the leaders are getting together and talking, those lower in the pecking order may have to resort to Zoom calls.

When it comes to politics, the actual result is a rather unwelcome centralization of power. The people at the top are building connections and staying well-informed. Members of the bureaucracy are more stagnant in their understanding and political reach. The top elites also have the comfort of private planes, which are going to carry less infection risk than flying business class, first class or coach.

At least until the omicron strain, many of the elites seemed to have a belief that "people like us just don't get COVID" — and to some extent they were right. So a lot of get-togethers were based on simple trust and the knowledge that the people at



Leaders from the Group of 20 countries gathered last October at a summit in Rome even as the pandemic wore on. GREGORIO BORGIA/AP 2021

the party had not just come from working eight hours on the floor at Costco.

In some ways elites may have found it easier to meet with other elites. CEOs, for instance, have been having many fewer face-to-face meetings with subordinates. That gives them more time to do other things, including socializing with other elites, or traveling to favorable time zones. Some wealthy people have "followed the seasons," spending the winter in Florida and the summer somewhere milder. In both cases, the better climate can ease socializing. What about those in the lower socioeconomic tiers? Data is hard to come by, nor can I speak from my own experience. But it stands to reason that many simply have not had time to get informed

about all the dangers involved with COVID-19, while others may be actively hostile to elite opinion, including the available body of scientific evidence. That is highly unfortunate, for their health and for those around them, but one consequence may be that they have continued their socializing at pre-pandemic levels.

Poorer individuals are also far more likely to be working in public-facing service jobs. In many of those jobs, such as at Walmart or McDonalds, there are coworkers to socialize with. There is workplace chatter that an adjunct professor teaching remotely does not experience.

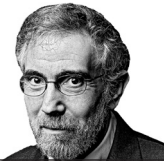
Of course, some kinds of socializing are preferable to others, and some groups more privileged; a desert resort is more

convivial than the stock room at a big-box retailer. And while the pandemic has left a lot of people very lonely — many of the elderly in nursing homes, for example, have had a difficult time maintaining and extending relationships — it's pointless to debate which group is loneliest. Still, I might argue for some sympathy for North-erners in midlevel jobs who work alone or remotely. Think of academics, accountants, middle managers.

We should all be aware that not everyone has been able to resume normal social life to the same degree. In January 2022, America remains emotionally damaged.

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The secret policy triumph of economic management



Paul Krugman

All the reporting these days is about rising prices. And I get that: A 7% surge in the consumer price index over the past year comes as a shock, especially because so many people, myself included, didn't see it coming.

But there's another story that should be getting more attention: America's extraordinary success in limiting the damage from a horrifying pandemic. In fact, there's a good chance that in retrospect we'll view economic management over the past two years as a policy triumph, despite the inflation spike.

Early in the pandemic many observers feared that we were about to experience a replay of the 2008 financial crisis, only worse. There were, in fact, a couple of weeks in March 2020 when the financial system teetered on the edge of collapse. But the Federal Reserve pulled us back from the brink.

Even as the financial crisis receded, however, there were widespread fears that recovery from the pandemic recession, like recovery from the Great Recession,

would be sluggish. Economic forecasters surveyed in the spring of 2020 expected the average unemployment rate in 2022 to be above 6%. In fact, it's already down to 3.9%, only slightly higher than before the coronavirus struck.

Jason Furman, a former top Obama economist, has suggested a useful way to compare recessions: Look at the cumulative unemployment they produce. If the unemployment rate exceeds its pre-recession level by 1 percentage point for one year, that's a "point-year" of excess unemployment. So how many point-years of unemployment did the pandemic inflict, and how does that compare with the past?

For trivial technical reasons, my estimates differ a bit from Furman's, but the message is the same: The COVID-19 recession did remarkably little damage, considering. The costs of the Great Recession were huge — more than 20 point-years — not just because unemployment soared but also because it lingered. Thanks to rapid recovery, the costs of the coronavirus slump were far smaller — around seven point-years. Even though the initial shock to the economy was devastating, the eventual hit to unemployment from a deadly, disruptive disease was comparable to (by my numbers, somewhat smaller than) the hit we suffered after the technology bubble of the 1990s burst.

That is, COVID-19 may have cost fewer

jobs than the dot-com bust.

Some of this success story reflected underlying economic fundamentals; for the record, I argued early on that we would have a rapid recovery because the slump wasn't preceded by private-sector excesses. But large-scale public spending, especially the bipartisan CARES Act in 2020 and the American Rescue Plan in 2021, also surely helped.

But what about inflation? There's no question that we could have had lower inflation right now if we'd accepted a slower employment recovery. But would that have been a trade-off worth making?

The clear answer is that restoring full employment was more important than avoiding inflation if — a big if — inflation eventually subsides.

Here's why: Although it's true that inflation erodes real incomes, there's overwhelming evidence that maintaining full employment is extremely important for reasons that go beyond money. Jobs bring in income; but they also, for many workers, bring dignity, so that being unemployed damages happiness far more than you can explain simply by the lost dollars.

And full employment is especially crucial for the young: Graduating into a bad labor market can cast a shadow over your career for many years, possibly your whole life.

So getting America back to full employ-

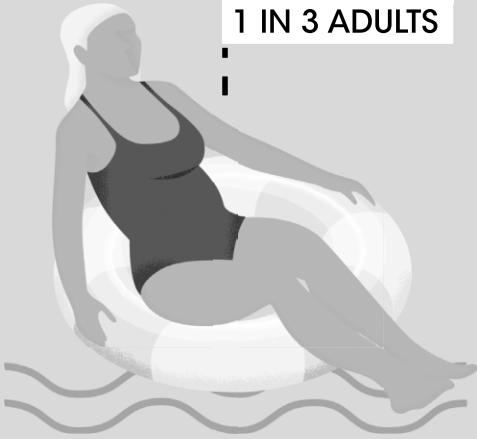
ment as quickly as possible was urgent, and well worth it even if the price was putting us through, say, two years of elevated inflation.

The counterargument is the fear that inflation will be hard to get rid of, that it will become entrenched in economywide expectations and that getting it back down will require another nasty recession down the line. And I can't offer a 100% guarantee that this won't happen.

At this point, however, there is little evidence that inflation is getting entrenched. The bond market is implicitly forecasting high inflation this year but not beyond; the point isn't that the market is necessarily right, but rather that one important measure of inflation expectations shows no sign that people are betting on a return to the 1970s. Consumer surveys tell a similar story: High expected inflation over the next year, but much less over the next five years, which is implicitly a forecast of returning normalcy.

So far, then, we seem to be looking at an extraordinarily quick economic recovery from a devastating economic shock, coming at the cost of an unpleasant but probably temporary surge in inflation. And given what could have happened, that amounts to a policy triumph.

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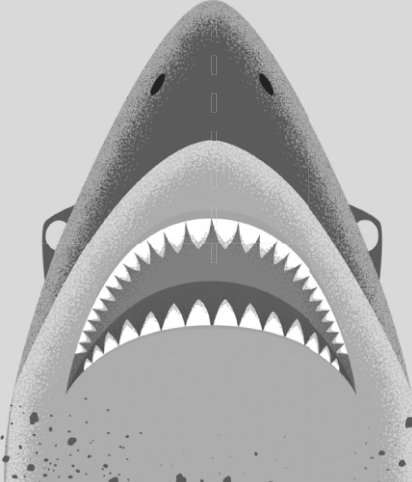


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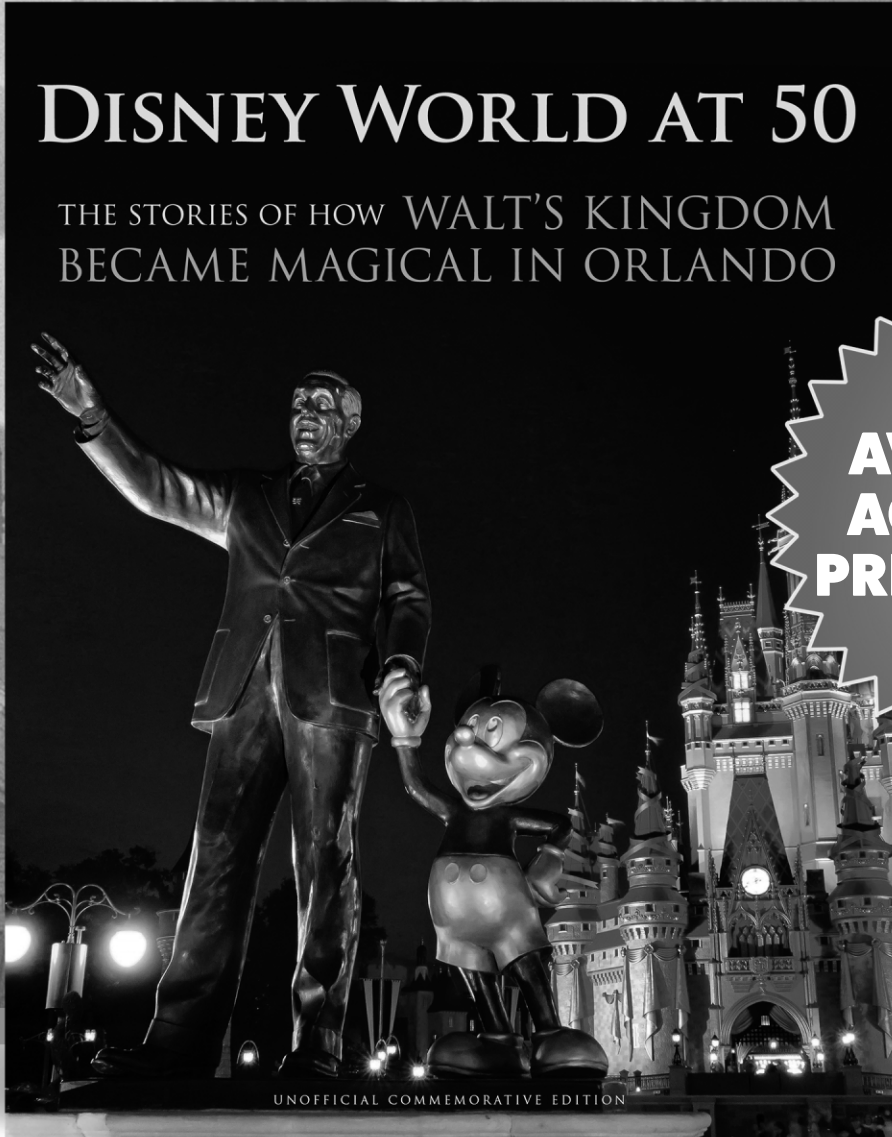
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Connecticut theater productions to stream online

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

Last year around this time, if you wanted to see local theater you needed to log in.

For the last few months, Connecticut theaters have concentrated on reopening their physical spaces, figuring out how to rehearse and perform safely and educating audiences about COVID regulations.

But with COVID rates soaring again due to the omicron variant, and a lot of theaters on their usual hiatus due to the holiday season,

streaming shows may be a desirable option again.

The virtual theater landscape is not as vast as it was a year ago. The desire to produce fresh original work in that format has waned.

Fortunately some of last year's many virtual productions are still accessible. Besides actual shows, there are theater-themed discussions and concerts. Some podcasts that didn't exist before the shutdown are still happening. There's more background info on shows from some theaters than ever before.

Here's a sampling:

Playhouse on Park

The West Hartford theater still has two different play readings up on its website: "Althea & Angela" by Todd Olson (83 minutes, playhouseonpark.org), about 1950s tennis champions Althea Gibson and Angela Buxton, and "The Telling and Re-Telling of Lucy and Owen" by Mackenzie McBride (115 minutes) about a couple stuck in an endless

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Gavin Creel is one of three Broadway stars who filmed concert specials at the Westport Country Playhouse in September. All three specials will air this month on PBS. **CAROL ROSEGG**

ON EXHIBIT

Current offerings to see at Connecticut museums and galleries

By Susan Dunne | Hartford Courant

Connecticut is rich with art galleries, museums and artists in all corners of the state, with gorgeous and engaging exhibits opening every week. Venues that are open to the public, as well as outdoor exhibits, are listed. Visit their websites for social distancing rules.

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Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, 600 Main St. in Hartford: "Discovering Rose Fried's Nephew by Alice Neel," "Stories in Ivory and Wood, told by Master Carvers" and "Jennifer Bartlett: The Island and Pink Fence" are up until Jan. 23. thewadsworth.org.

Amistad Center for Art & Culture, inside the Wadsworth Atheneum at 600 Main St. in Hartford: "Changing Lanes: Mobility in Connecticut," a show of historic artifacts about travel, is up until April 3. amistadcenter.org.

New Britain Museum of American Art, 56 Lexington St.: "Steel, String, Spit Bite: Selections from the LeWitt Collection" is up until March 18. "Walter Wick: Summer, Autumn, Winter and Happily Ever After" is up until April 1. "American Art in New Britain: The Evolution of the NBMAA" is up until Oct. 1. "Permanent Collection Installation: People and Places in America, 1960s to Today" is up until May 1. "Eva LeWitt" is up until Nov. 11, 2023. nbmaa.org.

Real Art Ways, 56 Arbor St. in Hartford: "A Dream Walking Anne Wu" is up until Feb. 6. "Naufragium: Kenny Martin" is up until Feb. 13. realartways.org.

Windsor Art Center, 40 Mechanic St.: "Art from across the Tracks: A Celebration of our 'Studios,' a show of work by Andres Chaparro, leeAnn Cogswell, Cathy Doocy, Michelle Hawran, JoeSam, Adam Lenz, Xarea Lockhart and Amy Hoffman, is up Jan. 15 to March 5. windsorartcenter.org.

Mark Twain House & Museum, 351 Farmington Ave. in Hartford: The historical home

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"Janet Maya: Women/Strength/Beauty" is at Mattatuck Museum in Waterbury. **JANET MAYA**

COURANT ARTS PICKS FOR JAN. 16-22

Livingston Taylor and CONCORA ensemble

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

Some beautiful voices rise this week, from Livingston Taylor to Kath Bloom to the CONCORA ensemble. Besides the singers, there's the multi-voiced monologue "Fires in the Mirror" and the last recorded interview with Betty White. If you'd rather dance, there are disco and emo parties at the Webster and Chubby Checker twisting away at Mohegan Sun.

'Heartless' at Hole in the Wall

Sam Shepard's "Heartless," written five years before the playwright's death in 2017, fits in with other Shepard works that feature dysfunctional families living together in small spaces while trying to keep secrets from each other. Its big distinction is that, for a playwright who wrote mostly for male actors, four of five "Heartless" characters are women. Through Jan. 29 at Hole in the Wall Theater, 116 Main St., New Britain. Performances are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. plus a Sunday matinee Jan. 23 at 3 p.m. \$25, \$20 students and seniors. hitw.org.

Bubbling up

Casey Carle's soapy water spectacle "Bubblemania" is at the Stamford Palace, 61 Atlantic St., Stamford Jan. 16 at 3 p.m. \$15. Big bubbles, tiny bubbles, bubbles bubbles bubbles. palacestamford.org.

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Approaching obesity as a chronic, preventable disease can be life-changing

Throughout the pandemic, Hartford HealthCare's Medical and Surgical Weight Loss Program continued to treat a steady stream of patients looking to get their obesity under control.

"We are just seeing more patients than ever before who are ready to take the next step to live a healthier life," says Dr. Darren S. Tishler, chief of metabolic and bariatric surgery for the health system.

This was certainly the case for Allison Buikus, a Hartford-area resident who was 40 years old when the pandemic began in 2020. "I think that being home every day was sort of like taking a long look in the mirror, and it really forced



me to see just how unbelievably unhealthy I was living and becoming," Buikus says.

Her first step was getting a referral to Dr. Devika Umashanker, system medical director of medical weight loss. Dr. Umashanker sees patients seeking medical or surgical weight loss treatment, helping them determine what the right course is for each individual along with a group of medical experts with diverse specialties.

"Allison was an excellent patient," says Dr. Umashanker. "She was really open to any sort of suggestions or recommendations we made with

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For last time, Shawkat is life of ‘Search Party’

Actor learned she could hold her own starring in dark satire

By **Dave Itzkoff**
The New York Times

In the time that Alia Shawkat has played Dory Sief, the perpetually imperiled protagonist of “Search Party,” the actor has been repeatedly put to the test. Over the first four seasons of this dark comedy series, Dory obsessively chased a woman she wrongly believed was missing; she was blackmailed; she committed murder; she was put on trial; and she was abducted, only to escape and return to her kidnapper.

Now, as “Search Party” begins its fifth season, Shawkat is embarking on a new challenge: saying goodbye.

“Search Party,” whose final episodes are now streaming on HBO Max, evolved from a low-fi if knowing satire of youthful narcissism into an unexpectedly intricate and baroque series, free to follow its muse down some very dark corridors.

Along the way, Shawkat grew, too: from a supporting player on innovative comedies such as “Arrested Development” and “Transparent” into an actor who could be the center of her own series. As she said recently, “I’ve been on other shows which were great, but you’re hitting the same thing every year. It’s so rare to do a show where you’re taking such a huge step every time.”

Looking back on her experience on the unpredictable “Search Party,” Shawkat sees a grander vision at work. She also recognizes some lessons for herself in Dory’s ordeals, which she described as

narrative about “how desperate and how far you’ll go — all the different versions of yourself you will try to find out which one sticks.”

And, to the extent that “Search Party” will allow it, Shawkat, 32, is sentimental about bidding farewell to the show, its cast of outrageous characters and its depiction of what she called a dysfunctional “millennial dynamic”: feeling loyal to “your friends from college that you hate and yet you see them every week” while being locked into “old friendships and old versions of yourself. Will anyone like me if I show them who I really am?”

Writer-directors Charles Rogers and Sarah-Violet Bliss, who created “Search Party” with Michael Showalter, said that when they were casting Dory, Shawkat stood out as someone who brought credibility and cachet with her TV resume, including her seasons on “Arrested Development” and a one-episode stint as Ilana Glazer’s doppel-ganger on “Broad City.”

“Alia outperformed our expectations,” Bliss said. “The comedy was on the page, but when I had imagined the character, she was a little bit less self-possessed. What Alia brought was intelligence and maturity — she made her grounded and real.”

Shawkat said she had arrived at a preliminary meeting with the creators and her co-stars (including John Early, Meredith Hagner and John Reynolds, who play Dory’s loyal trio of self-obsessed friends) feeling very serious and having lots of script notes.

As production proceeded, Shawkat felt a growing sense of connection to her collaborators. “They just specified it to our voices so much,” she said. “We were slightly surprised and really happy with how that first season turned out. We felt like we had found a new tone.”

When the first season debuted on TBS in 2016, “Search Party” drew some critical praise but not much more than a cult-size viewership; at the same time, Shawkat felt the show was crowded out by a glut of other post-“Girls” comedies that also poked fun at the habits of New York hipsters.

“I was like, but nobody knows about ‘Search Party,’” Shawkat said. Dating back to her time on “Arrested Development,” she said it has been difficult to shake off an underdog mentality about her work: “I always feel like I’m on shows that aren’t appreciated till they’re already off the air. I’ve always had that chip on my shoulder.”

Seasons two and three of “Search Party” were separated by a gap of nearly three years as the show moved off TBS and onto HBO Max. Still, the series never wavered in its efforts to blend comedy and noirish horror — a confidence its creators say stemmed from their faith in its star.

“We would not have taken Dory to all the places we took her if Alia wasn’t able to fill her up with so many layers and frequencies,” Rogers said.

But Shawkat said she nonetheless felt an obligation to commit fully to the character and provide “Search Party” with some



Actor Alia Shawkat is seen on Dec. 8 in New York. **JOSEFINA SANTOS/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

baseline of realism, to contrast with the even more absurd, less cataclysmic misadventures of its supporting characters. “Dory has to be the most grounded — sometimes I feel like I have to sell this so that the comedy can fly.”

Early, who plays Dory’s sharp-witted friend Elliott, said that Shawkat was “majorly responsible for the emotional coherence that pulls you through the show.”

“Basically I show up and scream,” Early said. “Alia has to make the leaps that the show takes emotionally. She has to make them make sense on her face.”

Ask Shawkat what she plans to do after all of this, and she may reflexively respond, “I don’t know

if I’ll ever work again, honestly.”

But — oh yes — she is also planning to start pitching a semi-autobiographical TV series she is calling “Desert People,” centered on a young woman who grows up, in a manner similar to Shawkat, in “a Middle-Eastern American family that runs a strip club in Palm Springs.”

“It’s about a daughter navigating that, coming to terms with her sexuality,” she said, “but in a funny, relatable, quirky way.”

Whatever follows, Shawkat has her treasured memories of her conclusion at “Search Party,” which felt emblematic of her time on the series.

The ensemble cast’s last day of principal photog-

raphy took place this past summer in New York, as a looming rainstorm threatened the city.

On that day, Shawkat said, “We all cried and walked around together. It hit us all really hard at that moment. Then the rest of the day, we just worked. We’re like, all right, we have a 12-hour day to get through. And then the storm came.”

In the remaining time that Shawkat and her colleagues could grab, they drank Champagne in her trailer, which seemed like a sufficient gesture.

“You always expect that things are going to end in this poetic way, and they just never do,” she said. “But it’s kind of better that they don’t.”

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Remembering Betty White

A filmed tribute to Betty White was originally planned to mark the beloved actress’ 100th birthday on Jan. 17. When White passed away on Dec. 31, the producers renamed the film “Betty White — A Celebration.” The 100-minute documentary, which contains White’s final interview and film appearance, is screening at cinemas around the state on Jan. 17 among them the AMC Southington 12 at 1:30, 4, 5:30, 7 and 8 p.m., the AMC Plainville 20 at 4 and 7 p.m. and Cinemark Buckland Hills at 1, 1:45, 4, 4:45, 7 and 7:45 p.m. Ticket prices vary depending on time and location. fathom-events.com.

Voice of Fire

Anna Deavere Smith’s “Fires in the Mirror” is a

multi-voiced monologue, subtitled “Crown Heights, Brooklyn And Other Identities,” investigating racial tensions that erupted into violence in New York City in 1991. Cloteal L. Horne performs Smith’s script Jan. 18 through Feb. 6 at the Long Wharf Theatre, 222 Sargent Dr., New Haven. longwharf.org.

Walker and Bloom

Two wandering souls join forces Jan. 20 at 8 p.m. at cafe nine, 250 State St., New Haven. Ryley Walker is the eclectic Illinois-based singer/songwriter and instrumentalist who recently moved to Vermont. Kath Bloom is the New Haven native whose song who started recording gentle experimental folk/blues songs in the 1970s and whose career was reignited when her song “Come Here” was featured in the modern romantic movie classic “Before Sunrise.” \$15. cafenine.com.



Kath Bloom is at cafe nine with Ryley Walker on Jan. 20.

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From Disco to Emo

Two polar opposite music genres are being celebrated on adjacent nights at the Webster Theatre Underground, 31 Webster St., Hartford: “Gimme Gimme Disco — A Dance Party Inspired by ABBA” Jan. 21 at 8 p.m. and the DJ party “Emo Night Brooklyn,” spinning not just emo but punk pop Jan.

22 at 8 p.m. Admission to either show is \$17. webster-theater.com.

Let’s Twist Again

Sixty years ago this month, Chubby Checker’s single “The Twist,” a remake of an old Hank Ballard tune hit #1 on the Billboard charts — two years after it had topped the charts the first time, in 1960. Checker has recorded

many variations on that iconic dance hit, including “Let’s Twist Again,” “Slow Twistin’,” “Twistin’ USA” and “The Lose Your Inhibitions Twist.” He’s still twisting himself, at the age of 80, and turns up Jan. 21 at 8 p.m. at The Wolf Den, Mohegan Sun Resort Casino, 1 Mohegan Sun Blvd., Uncasville. Free. mohegansun.com.

Taylor made

Singer/songwriter Livingston Taylor has been performing since the early ‘60s. He’s at Infinity Hall, 20 Greenwoods Road West, Norfolk Jan. 21 at 8 p.m. along with a younger New England-based folk act, the married couple Ash and Eric (formerly known as The Promise is Hope) from Worcester, Mass. \$39-\$54. infinityhall.com/Events/livingston-taylor-1-21-2022.

CONCORA sings again

The vocal ensemble

CONCORA (which stands for Connecticut Choral Artists) is holding its first live concert since COVID. It’s a rare performance of Langston Hughes and Margaret Bonds’ “The Ballad of the Brown King,” starring Jermaine Woodard Jr. (in the role of King Balthazar) and Lucy Hurston. Jan. 22 at 4 p.m. at South Church, 90 Main St., New Britain. \$19-\$59; \$25 (single) or \$50 for livestream. concora.org.

Natural Woman

“Beautiful — The Carole King Musical” is one of the better jukebox musicals, tracking King’s career from her 1950s New York factory-style songwriting days to her ‘70s solo career. Jan. 22 and 23 at the Shubert, 247 College St., New Haven. Performances are Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at noon and 5 p.m. \$44-\$126. shubert.com.

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romantic loop.

There’s also a talkback discussion about “Althea & Angela” and while the actual show is not available to screen, there’s a panel discussion about the opening virtual production of Playhouse on Park’s 2021-22 season, “Kennedy: Bobby’s Last Crusade,” with the show’s creator and star David Arrow among the panelists.

The International Festival of Arts & Ideas

The Arts & Ideas festival was founded on live outdoor entertainments and lively panel discussions. The 2020 edition was contact-free and largely online and while the 2021 one reintroduced some outdoor concerts, it continued to offer many talks and other events virtually.

There are hundreds of online Arts & Ideas offerings now at artidea.

org/WatchListen. Recent additions include dance troupe Team Leggo and the summer Elm Shakespeare Company production of “Romeo & Juliet,” a contemporary version with a gun-violence message. The original local storytelling series “After Dinner Stories” continues to offer new episodes nearly every month.

Goodspeed Musicals

The Goodspeed’s love of American musical theater extends beyond its lavish revivals of classic shows and its development of new ones. The staff loves sharing its collective knowledge of musical theater. During the early months of the pandemic, the Goodspeed created several podcasts that told behind-the-scenes stories of musicals produced at the theater’s venues in East Haddam and Chester, as well as the history of hallowed Broadway shows. In some cases, as with “Annie” (which originated at the Goodspeed), the Connecticut

and New York legends could overlap.

The old episodes are all still online at goodspeed.org/from-home, and one of the podcast series still endures: “In the Spotlight: Goodspeed’s Deep Dive Into Classic Musicals,” hosted by Anika Chapin and Michael Fling. Fresh episodes of “In the Spotlight” are posted more or less monthly. The latest one is a discussion of the history of “West Side Story,” timed to the release of the new film version of the musical.

Hartford Stage

Hartford Stage produced only one full-length virtual performance during the pandemic, the original Dickens adaptation “A Community Carol” for Christmas 2020, but brief play readings have been a regular part of the theater’s regular monthly behind-the-scenes podcast “Scene and Heard,” hosted by Hartford Stage Artistic Director Melia Bensussen.

Now that the theater has been performing in-person shows again, the podcast

offers discussions with cast members, playwrights and directors involved with those shows. The Jan. 6 episode focuses on “Angry, Raucous and Shamelessly Gorgeous,” which Hartford Stage is presenting live on its stage Jan. 13 through Feb. 6. All episodes stay up on the Hartford Stage website after they’ve first aired live, at hartfordstage.org.

Westport Country Playhouse

After producing an almost entirely virtual 2021 season (including both fresh staged-for-video productions and archived videos of WCP shows from a few years ago), the playhouse returned to live performance with a series of live concerts by Broadway stars, filmed before a live audience and broadcast this month on a regular TV network, PBS, as the three-episode series “Stars on Stage from Westport Country Playhouse.”

The first episode premiered Jan. 7 and

features Gavin Creel (from the Broadway “Hello, Dolly!” revival); the second premieres Jan. 14 with “Wicked” and “Waitress” star Shoshana Bean; and the third is Jan. 21 with Brandon Victor Dixon (Broadway’s “Hamilton,” TV’s “Jesus Christ Superstar”). Fun behind-the-scenes fact: While Creel’s concert was being filmed, a raging storm in Westport flooded the theater’s basement, so Dixon’s concert the next night had to use rented trailers for dressing rooms. Airdates, and preview clips from all three shows are at pbs.org.

ACT of CT

ACT of CT in Ridgefield, which specializes in contemporary American musical theater, was one of the first theaters in the state to produce an original virtual concert special in mid-March of 2020. That concert, “Stephen Schwartz and Friends,” was livestreamed from the theater’s lobby with the performers distanced from each other. The intimate performance remains

posted on the ACT of CT website at actofct.org/special-livestreams.

Besides the celebrated “Wicked” and “Godspell” composer (a Ridgefield resident) at the piano, the event features Broadway performers Debbie Gravitte, Bryan Perri, Sam Gravitte, Matt Farnsworth, Laura Woyasz, Juliet Lambert Pratt and Daniela Sikora.

CT Drag Fans

During the pandemic, the state’s drag queens flocked to social media to share everything from videos of staged performances held safely inside the shuttered-to-the-public Chez Est to cooking shows and social commentary. Live audiences have returned, but the Facebook site CT Drag Fans continues to post regular short videos from Chez Est. The videos — nearly a thousand mostly five-minute drag routines — are also on CT Drag Fan’s Vimeo channel.

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Exhibits

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museum is open for small tours, by reservation only. marktwainhouse.org.

Art League of New Britain, 30 Cedar St.: Work by Patricia Corbett, Jon Sideriadis, Lindsay Vigue and Kim Villanti is up until Jan. 16. alnb.org.

Main Street in Hartford: A stroll down Main Street provides ample artworks to view. In front of the library, there is a sculpture by David Hayes and a statue of Mark Twain. Between City Hall and Wadsworth Athenaeum is Alexander Calder's massive red "Stegosaurus." In front of the Athenaeum are a newly refurbished statue of Nathan Hale and sculptures by Conrad Shawcross, Tony Smith and William Turnbull. Across the street from the Athenaeum is Carl Andre's "Stone Field Sculpture." Also across the street from the Athenaeum is the Bushnell Towers sculpture garden. thewadsworth.org.

Connecticut Historical Society, One Elizabeth St. in Hartford: "Albert's Odd Jobs: Making a Living in the 1800s" is up until April 16. "Common Struggle Individual Experience: An Exhibition About Mental Health" will be up until Oct. 15. Permanent exhibits are "Making Connecticut" and "Inn & Tavern Signs of Connecticut." chs.org.

Galleries @ WORK SPACE, 903 Main St. in Manchester: "Perspectives of Home" will be on show to Feb. 25. workspacemanchester.com.

Art Gallery at University of Saint Joseph, 1678 Asylum Ave. in West Hartford: "Liliana Porter: Actualidades / Breaking News" is up to March 12. usj.edu/arts/art-museum.

West Hartford Art League, 37 Buena Vista Road: Up to Feb. 6: "Fill the Walls: Members Unjuried Exhibit" in the Clubhouse Gallery and "Three Perspectives: Photography by Danuta Gordon, Paul Osgood and Matt Zeller" in the Saltbox Gallery. west-

hartfordart.org.

Trinity-on-Main, 69 Main St. in New Britain: "Foundation Paintings" by Paul Baylock, Nancy Brockett, Stanwyck Cromwell, Clinton Deckert, Katie Jurkiewicz, Tatyana Nadgor, Alex Ranniello, David Segerra and Margaret Wilson, celebrating the 150th anniversary of the city, will be on exhibit until March. happeninghere.org/fpp.

ArtWalk at Hartford Public Library, 500 Main St.: "The Adornment Series: Images of Empowerment," a show of work by Michelle Thomas, is up to Feb. 19. hplct.org.

Gallery on the Green, on the town green in Canton: "Gallery on the Green presents group show "Icebreaker" plus a solo dhow by Don Sexton from Jan. 14 to Feb. 5. galleryonthegreen.org.

Middlesex County

Andrews Memorial Town Hall, 54 E. Main St. in Clinton: Clinton Art Society Award Winners Exhibition will run until Jan. 27. Works by Mike Eagle, Mary C. Daly, Beverly A. Schirmeier and Maureen Wilkinson. clintonartsociety.info.

Windham County

The Art Gallery in the Fine Arts Instructional Center, Room 112, at Eastern Connecticut State University, 83 Windham St. in Willimantic: "The Artist as Witness," work by Elise Engler, Michael Caron, Ryan Carpenter, Nancy Chunn, Sue Coe, Lee Jupina Sr., Käthe Kollwitz, Michael Reddick and Rowan Renee, is up until Feb. 1. easternct.edu/art-gallery.

Top Shelf Gallery at Fletcher Memorial Library, 257 Main St. in Hampton: "Visions & Memories," paintings, drawings and collages by Donna O'Scolaigh Lange, is up until Feb. 28. fletchermemoriallibrary.org.

Tolland County

William Benton Museum of Art, 245 Glenbrook Road

at UConn in Storrs: "Facing History: Social Commentary in Contemporary American Art" is up until March 11. benton.uconn.edu.

Arts Center East, 709 Hartford Turnpike in Vernon: 10th Annual Photography Exhibit is up to Jan. 29. artscentereast.org.

New London County

Mystic Seaport, 75 Greenmanville Road: "A Spectacle in Motion: The Grand Panorama of a Whaling Voyage 'Round the World'" will be up until March 27. mysticseaport.org/explore/exhibits.

Gilbert V. Boro Studio 80 + Sculpture Grounds, 80 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: The sculpture grounds, with works by Boro and other artists, is on private property but is open to the public. Boro asks guests not to enter any buildings. A YouTube video about the grounds, part of the Smithsonian Channel documentary series "America: Over the Edge," can be seen at gilbertboro.com.

Lyme Art Association, 90 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: "First Impressions: Associate Artist Show" is up Jan. 14 to Feb. 24. lymeartassociation.org.

Lyman Allyn Art Museum, 625 Williams St. in New London: "The Way Sisters: Miniaturists of the Early Republic" will be up to Jan. 23. "Ken Friedman: 92 Events," a show of work by the Fluxus artist, is on view through Jan. 16. lymanallyn.org.

Florence Griswold Museum, 96 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: "Revisiting America: The Prints of Currier & Ives" is up until Jan. 24. flogris.org.

Norwich Arts Center, 60 Broadway: Artwork by Marc Bryan, Robert Lattanzio, Kelsey Ng, Bellana Parungao and Aurora Vennari, all students at Three Rivers Community College, are on show until Jan. 29. norwich-arts.org/exhibits.

LaGrua Center, 32 Water St. in Stonington: "Coming Out," a show of work by

LGBT artists, runs to Feb. 28. lagruacenter.org.

Sill House Gallery at Lyme Academy of Fine Arts, 84 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: "Lennart Anderson: A Retrospective" will be up from Jan. 14 to March 18. lymeacademy.edu.

Litchfield County

Five Points Annex Gallery, 17 Water St. in Torrington: "Internal Ballistics: Work by Glenn Lavertu" is up until Jan. 19. fivepointsarts.org/five-points-annex/.

The Sophie Gallery, 15 Water St. in Torrington: "Wrench & Obi," an exhibit of work by Scott Ritter, is up until Jan. 31. thesophiegallery.com.

James Barron Art, 17 Old Barn Road in Kent: "Jackie Saccoccio: The Gravity of Space" and "Kikuo Saito: Dancing Across the Surface" are up until Jan. 16. jamesbarronart.com.

Craven Contemporary, 4 Fulling Lane in Kent: "In Conversation with David Shrigley," an exhibit of work by Shrigley, Daniel Arsham, Susumu Kamijo, Deborah Kass, Alex Katz, Ryan McGinley, Alessandro Raho, Mickalene Thomas and William Wegman, is up until Feb. 13. artnet.com/galleries/craven-contemporary/artworks.

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St. in the Falls Village section of Canaan: "Colored pencil and pastel artworks by Marsha Altemus and assemblage and painting by Roger McKee" will be up from Jan. 14 to March 11. huntlibrary.org.

Kenise Barnes Fine Art, 7 Fulling Lane in Kent: "David Konigsberg: Equilibria" will be up to Jan. 23. kbfa.com.

Furnace Art on Paper Archive, 107 Main St. in Falls Village: "Winter," an exhibit of work by Jimbo Blachly, Bettina Blohm, Yvonne Estrada, Johnathan Fabricant, Greg Goldberg, Carter Hodgkin, Vincent Inconiglios, Erick Johnson, Amanda Konishi, Kathleen Kucka, Stephen Maine, Susan Martin, Georgia

McGovern, Holly Miller, Nicholas Moenich, Marilla Palmer, Jean Parks, Gelah Penn and Sally Van Doren, is up until March 20, weekends only. furnace-artonpaperarchive.com.

Five Points Gallery, 33 Main St. in Torrington: "Wonderfully Tactile," work by Becca Barolli, Adam Bernard, Ann Finholt, Mary Janacek, Stephen Maine, John Ralston V, Debra Weisberg and Margaret Wilson, is up to Feb. 12. fivepointsarts.org.

New Haven County

Palestine Museum US, 1764 Litchfield Turnpike, Suite 200, in Woodbridge: The museum is open by appointment only at palestinemuseum.us.

New Haven Museum, 114 Whitney Ave.: "Strange Times: Downtown New Haven in the COVID Era," "Children of the Elm City" and "Factory" are up until the end of winter. newhavenmuseum.org.

Kehler Liddell Gallery, 873 Whalley Ave. in New Haven: "reflections, by Liz Ant-le-O'Donnell, Ana Henriques and Mark St. Mary" is up to Feb. 6. kehlerriddellgallery.com.

City Gallery, 994 State St. in New Haven: "Confluence: Meg Bloom, Phyllis Crowley, Roberta Friedman, and Kathy Kane" is up to Jan. 30. city-gallery.org.

Mattatuck Museum, 144 West Main St. in Waterbury: "Norman Rockwell: Behind the Camera" is up until Jan. 17. An American Lens: A History of Photography in Waterbury" is up until Dec. 31. "Janet Maya: Women/Strength/Beauty" and "Focus on the Makers: Samplers, Needlework, and Quilts" are up to Feb. 28. mattmuseum.org.

Fairfield County

MoCa Westport, 19 Newtown Turnpike: "When Caged Birds Sing," an exhibit by Ann Weiner of eight life-size sculptures representing women's rights activists, is

up until February. mocawestport.org.

Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, 258 Main St. in Ridgefield: "Karla Knight: Navigator" is up until May 8. aldrichart.org.

Silvermine Arts Center, 1037 Silvermine Road in New Canaan: "New Members 2022" is up from Jan. 22 to Feb. 25. silvermineart.org.

Bruce Museum, One Museum Drive in Greenwich: "Fisher Dollhouse: A Venetian Palazzo in Miniature" is up to Jan. 23. "RESOLUTE: Native Nations Art in the Bruce Collection" is up to Jan. 30. brucemuseum.org.

Center for Contemporary Printmaking in Mathews Park, 299 West Ave. in Norwalk: "A Show of Hands: Diane Cherr" and "Laissez le Bon Temps Rouler" are up until Feb. 20. contemprints.org.

Hollis Taggart Southport, 330 Pequot Ave: "Parallels: Chloë Lamb and Bill Scott" is up from Jan. 15 to Feb. 26. hollistaggart.com.

Loft Artists Association, 575 Pacific St. in Stamford: "Seven: New Year New Artists" is up to Feb. 6. The artist on show are Millie Jackson Rowe, Sandra Stadtmiller, Chris Hansen, Julie DiBiase, Angels Grau, Almudena Fernandez Vicens and Erica Stoller. loftartists.org.

Fairfield University Art Museum, 200 Barlow Road in Fairfield: "Seeing is Believing: Crossings and Transpositions, Part II" is in the Walsh Gallery at the Quick Center for the Arts from Jan. 21 to March 5. The artists are He Jiancheng, Xiao Yao Ning, Luo Biyu, Zuo Zeng Yao and Zhang Zeng Min. At the same time, "ink/stone," a show of 15 contemporary Chinese paintings and works on paper, will be on show. fairfield.edu/museum/

Alvarez Gallery, 11 Brookside Road in Redding: Mise en Veu: Joe Boginski" opens Dec. 4. alvarezgallery.com.

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her treatment plan and really engaged with her program. She did remarkably well."

About a year and a half post-surgery, Buikius is living a new life. She no longer relies on medications to manage her migraines, diabetes and high cholesterol because she no longer has those conditions. She exercises most days of the week and is actively involved in a support group for pre- and post-op bariatric surgery patients.

A holistic, personalized treatment plan is key to long-term success

For the millions of people in the United States who have obesity, finding a solution can be a long battle filled with diets, co-morbid health conditions and the effects of social stigma surrounding the disease. While many people might find short-term success, maintaining weight loss and a healthy lifestyle over a lifetime can be difficult.

"Looking at obesity as a chronic disease and having that initial conversation addressing obesity by primary care providers is helpful. However, time is limited for them to go over every chronic disease with a patient," says Dr. Umashanker. "That is why programs like ours is helpful because once the patients are referred to our weight management program we can start the conversation and develop an appropriate treatment plan."

She emphasizes that patients are going to have to make a lifestyle change and says, "Once you are our patient, you are a lifelong patient. Our hope is that when patients come in and see us, they understand that we treat obesity the way other chronic disease are treated such as hypertension and diabetes."

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Although obesity is a preventable and treatable disease, it is a complex problem that requires a holistic approach, addressing the individual causes. That could range from genetics, nutritional education, behavioral patterns, access to healthy foods, mobility issues and other factors.

The goal of Hartford HealthCare's weight-loss program is to make sure that people feel

comfortable knowing that they will find the right treatment for each individual patient. That includes long-term support for issues that arise over the course of a patient's journey, such as when Buikus hit a post-surgical weight loss plateau despite exercising six days a week.

Because of the program, she was able to reach out to her medical team and discover that she had not been consuming enough calories to support her level of activity. So, she worked with a Hartford HealthCare nutritionist to add more calories in a healthy way and began to lose weight again.

Ending the stigma can help more patients seek treatment and change their lives

Today, not only is Buikus enjoying the benefits of improved overall health, she can also take part in activities she couldn't before the program and getting bariatric surgery.

"We recently went to a lantern display at a local orchard, and it's just a short half-mile circuit," she says. "In the past, I would have to really think about that. How hilly is it or is it flat? Am I going to be embarrassed because I'm out of breath?" But she doesn't have to think about any of that anymore.

Anyone with obesity, or who is close to someone with obesity, is familiar with the added stress of navigating daily life not just because of the physical difficulties, but because of the social stigma. This stigma can also be a barrier to seeking treatment. There are fears of seeming weak-willed if weight loss can't be achieved on one's own. There are even fears attached to undergoing treatment.

Buikus recalls considering bariatric surgery in her mid-20s and changing her mind after the consultation. On some level, she was aware that she would need more support to address lifestyle and emotional issues long-term that just wasn't available at the time.

The Medical and Surgical Weight Loss program has been designed around the idea that patients with obesity should have a place where they feel comfortable talking about their health and know there is a local team of experts to help guide them through each step of treatment.

"We understand it can be a terrifying first step to come to see us," Dr. Tishler says. "I know patients who were nervous, but then experience

an overwhelming sense of relaxation as they realize we're not doing an operation right away. We're just talking about the available options."

For more information about the Medical & Surgical Weight Loss Program, attend Hartford HealthCare's Facebook Live event on Jan. 20 at 12:30 p.m. or call 833-444-0014.

— Jessica Chesler for Hartford HealthCare

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Grand Teton National Park and the town of Jackson, Wyoming, as seen from Snow King Mountain. DAVID STUBBS/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2013

MAKING THE DESCENT

In Wyoming, Grand Teton stands to test ski adventurers’ mettle

By Natalie Schachar
The New York Times

Riley Soderquist has skied down Andean volcanoes in South America, traveled to the Alaska Range and made a first descent of the steep north face of Capitol Peak in Colorado’s Elk Mountains. But year after year, one ski mountaineering jewel has eluded him: Grand Teton.

On one of his three attempts from 2018 to 2021, high winds blew so fiercely that Soderquist turned back. On another trip to nearby Jackson, Wyoming, conditions were so poor he didn’t even try.

But his goal of skiing down the Grand remains within sight. “It kind of seems like something that I’ve been training my whole life to do,” Soderquist said. “I’m kind of looking for that last iconic piece.”

In North America, Alaska’s Denali is often near the top of the to-do list for serious ski mountaineers. The imposing faces of British Columbia’s Coastal Range also beckon.

At 13,775 feet, Grand Teton is not the highest mountain in Wyoming. It offers less fall-line skiing than other mountains in the same range. Snow can be challenging to find in good conditions. Descending can be flat-out scary.

But in the lower 48 states, the serrated peak of northwest Wyoming is a unique testing ground for some of the country’s most ambitious backcountry skiers.

“It combines the most amount of skills of anywhere in the continental U.S.,” said Peter Stone,

who skied Pico de Orizaba, Mexico’s highest mountain, at 19. “I think a lot of people see it as, like, this thing you have to do before you can do the intense kind of steep ski skiing, like the French style or go put up first descents in the Karakoram,” Stone said, referring to the mountain range in Central Asia.

Part of the allure is aesthetics. A sharp vertical relief means the Grand’s summit rises about 7,000 feet above the surrounding valley; in the afternoon sun, the peak can appear silhouetted against the sky. Another part of the appeal is simply the challenge.

“It’s something that represents an entrance into a higher level of ski mountaineering,” said Aaron Diamond, a guide at Exum Mountain Guides, who has made about 10 descents.

While many highly skilled skiers and riders may theoretically be capable of descending a 50-degree chute, the Grand makes an additional ask: You must be a competent ice climber with solid knowledge of rope work, belay techniques, anchors, rappelling, steep snow and exposed terrain. You must also be extremely fit. Preparation for the 12- to 16-hour, 14-mile trip typically involves a yearslong commitment to training and waiting for the right conditions, which often fall from March to May.

Owen Silitch, 24, a student at Montana State University, estimated he had climbed the Grand eight times before making a successful ski descent in March.

On that trip, the snow was hard packed. His skis



A skier and a view of Grand Teton National Park, in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Many people talk of skiing Grand Teton for years, only to be forced by poor conditions to start their wait all over. CHRIS FIGENSHAU/THE NEW YORK TIMES

shuddered every time he made a turn. The entire way up, he worried about the possibility of falling chunks of snow or ice.

“There was a lot of experience that led up to that day,” he said. He didn’t rule out skiing down again, but he said he would likely try other lines in the future that didn’t demand a “no-fall mentality.”

He now joins a club of just hundreds or perhaps more mountaineers, many of whom have gotten their start on the peak.

Bill Briggs, who is credited with helping to establish steep ski mountaineering in the United States, made the first known descent of the east face-Stettner couloir on June 16, 1971. Other descents by a more popu-

lar combination of the Ford, Chevy and Stettner couloirs were later made by Steve Shea, Jeff Rhoads and Brad Peck before the end of decade.

Brenton Reagan, a lead guide and marketing director at Jackson’s Exum Mountain Guides, estimated that the Grand now gets skied from 20 to 200 times in a season.

“There aren’t that many people in the world who can ski the Grand Teton, but when the snow is stable and the weather is good, it’s surprising how many live in this town or come to the town to do that,” said Reagan, 47.

Typically, Exum makes 10 to 15 guided trips each season for \$3,175 per person.

On the ascent, the clas-

sic Ford-Stettner route is a highly exposed ice and snow climb, with satellite ridges, steps and spires leading to the summit. The descent is virtually no-fall terrain involving four 60-meter rappels over the ice pitches and a traverse of a short-hanging snowfield. A slip can mean tomahawking over multiple 500-foot cliffs.

Other hazards are simply nature’s way. High winds can create giant slabs of lightly packed snow, increasing the risk of an avalanche. Climbers or skiers can hit a weak spot, causing a slide.

“The snow and wind and weather are sort of the architects of all that stuff,” said Diamond, the mountain guide. “Then there’s the rockfall.”

On July 11, 1982, Dan McKay fell while climbing the Otter Body route with the intent of skiing down. No one else is known to have died making an attempted ski descent.

But with Jackson as a mecca for some of the country’s highest-caliber skiing talent, many say the culture and the surrounding area undoubtedly promote risk.

“There’s no beating around the bush — it’s a really dangerous activity,” Silitch, the student, said. “With climbing, you’ll probably get really injured, but you’re not likely to become completely detached from the mountain. But when you’re skiing, all that’s connecting you to the mountain is your two edges.”

Immersion, adventure activities popular among travelers ages 18 to 35

By Lacey Pfalz
TravelPulse

Travelers between the ages of 18 and 35 are springing back from the pandemic in big ways.

Over the past year and a half, when all travel was stalled, these travelers were the ones sharing their stories and their favorite destinations on social media, changing not just the destinations they’d like to visit, but also the trends and experiences they

prefer.

Younger travelers, according to Contiki, desire either beach vacations, European explorations or something in between.

Immersion and adventure activities are top-of-mind for many travelers as they begin venturing back out into the world. The desire to experience more is going to be the impetus for many young travelers to visit places like Thailand, Ireland, Egypt and South Africa.

Solo travelers also make up almost half of the tour operator’s bookings for next year, signaling not only a confidence in traveling alone but a desire to experience the world from their own unique vantage points.

The average age of travelers booking with Contiki is 27, which makes sense considering that’s usually a time when working professionals are earning enough to begin going on trips before they’re obligated to pay for other expensive life

milestones, like marriage, buying a house or having a child.

Ryan Doncsecz, Groups Department Manager at VIP Vacations and Jordan Bradshaw, Vice President at Northcutt Travel Agency, are both seeing similar trends emerge from their clients.

Popular destinations for younger clients from both agencies include Mexico and the Caribbean, especially when it comes to all-inclusives.



Resort hotels in Cancun, Mexico. Young tourists were picking Mexico and the Caribbean as their destinations of choice in 2021. BRAD CALKINS/DREAMSTIME

Vikings, bygone days, and a ruined abbey



Rick Steves

I'm following Edwin on a walk around York — the most interesting stop between London and Edinburgh. Edwin is a spry retired schoolteacher who stays active by leading town walks and giving private tours. Today, he's showing me around to illustrate why, in his mind, York is such a fascinating city.

Edwin and I head over to the York Castle Museum, where English memorabilia from the 18th, 19th, and early 20th centuries is cleverly displayed in a huge collection of craft shops, old stores, and bygone living rooms. Charles Dickens would feel right at home here. As towns were being modernized in the 1930s, the museum's founder, Dr. Kirk, recognized a threat to their heritage and collected entire shops and reassembled them here. In Kirkgate, the museum's most popular section, we wander down a century-old Lincolnshire street, popping in to see the butcher, baker, copper-smith, and barber.

The shops are stocked with the actual merchandise of the day. In the confectionery, we eavesdrop on English grannies giggling and reminiscing their way through the mouthwatering world of "spice pigs," "togo bullets," "humbugs," and "conversation lozenges." The general store is loaded with groceries, the toy shop has old-time games, and the sports shop has everything you'd need for a game of 19th-century archery, cricket, or skittles. Anyone for Ping-Pong? Those Victorians loved their "whiff-whaff."

In the period rooms,



The old-time sweet shop in York's Castle Museum. A thousand years ago, York was a thriving Viking settlement called Jorvik. **RICK STEVES**

three centuries of Yorkshire living rooms and clothing paint a cozy picture of life centered around the hearth. A peat fire warms a huge brass kettle while the aroma of freshly baked bread fills a room under heavy, open-beamed ceilings.

Dr. Kirk's "memorable collection of bygones" is the closest thing in Britain to a time-tunnel experience, except perhaps for our next destination, the Jorvik Viking Centre just down the street.

A thousand years ago, York was a thriving Viking settlement called Jorvik (YOR-vik). While only traces are left of most Viking settlements, Jorvik is an archaeologist's bonanza, the best-preserved Viking city ever excavated. Sail Disney's

Pirates of the Caribbean barge north a thousand miles and back a thousand years, and you get Jorvik. More a ride than a museum, this exhibit drapes the abundant harvest of this dig in theme park cleverness. We ride a kid-pleasing people-mover for 12 minutes through the re-created Viking street of Coppergate. It's the year 975 and we're in the village of Jorvik.

Everything — sights, sounds, even smells — has been carefully replicated. Next, our time-traveling train rolls through the actual excavation site, past the remains that inspired the reconstructed village. Stubs of buildings, piles of charred wood, and broken pottery are the time-crushed remains of a once-bustling town. Every-

thing is true to the original dig. Even the face of one of the mannequins was computer-modeled from a skull dug up right here.

Next, Edwin and I walk over the river toward the towering York Minster cathedral, stopping first at the romantic ruins of St. Mary's Abbey. A fragile arcade of pointed Gothic arches seems to hang from the branches of the trees that tower above. I remark to Edwin that it's striking how magnificently the Minster survives while only a single wall of this abbey church still stands. Edwin explains that Henry VIII, so threatened by the power of the pope, destroyed nearly everything that was Catholic — except the great York Minster. Thankfully, Henry needed a northern capital

for his Anglican Church. Edwin then explains the Dissolution of the Monasteries. "Henry wanted more than a divorce. He wanted to be free from the power of the abbots and the monasteries and the pope in Rome. It was our first Brexit — and we got it in 1534." Then, playfully describing two (perhaps three) bombastic leaders at the same time, he says, "It was spearheaded by a much-married, arrogant, overweight egomaniac."

Edwin is playing with me, alluding to my then-president, but he is also describing the pompous, pro-Brexit British politician Boris Johnson along with Henry VIII.

While 500 years apart, they both wanted to "be free" from Europe (from the pope and from the

EU), which also meant sending no more money to Europe (in tithes to the Roman Catholic Church back then or taxes to Brussels today). And they both wanted no more intrusions from Europe into their realm. In the 16th century under Henry and in the 21st century under Boris, for Britain, "leaving means leaving."

Bidding Edwin goodbye, I'm reminded that the more you know about any historic town, the more interesting and worthwhile your visit becomes.

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CELEBRITY TRAVEL

'Wild Travels' host gets creative

By Jae-Ha Kim
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"I thought Sasquatch was a creature primarily of the Pacific Northwest," said Will Clinger, the Chicago-based host of the PBS series, "Wild Travels." "But in a segment we shot for (the PBS series), we were surprised to hear from members of the Sasquatch Outpost in Bailey, Colorado, that there have been hundreds of Yeti sightings in that neck of the woods — even more surprising when you consider that on our 2 1/2-hour drive to Bailey, we didn't even see a squirrel."

Q: If you had to cancel travel plans due to the pandemic, where were they to?

A: We've had to cancel eight trips for "Wild Travels" due to COVID-19. The ones I really hated to lose were to San Francisco for St. Stupid's Day and to Beaver, Oklahoma, for the World Cow Chip Throwing Championship. I guess there's always next year.

Q: COVID-19 has made everyone think differently about how we travel. Have you been taking any trips not related to work?

A: My fiancée, Laura-lynn, and I got stir-crazy last March and took a not-so-short road trip through the Southwest. We managed to avoid hotels completely by staying in things like a tiny house, an Airstream, a tepee and, yes, even a yurt. Locally, we've fully utilized the Chicago park system on foot and by bike.



"Wild Travels" host Will Clinger said Scandinavia and New Zealand are on his travel bucket list. **HARVEY MOSHMAN**

Q: What is the most touristy spot you've visited?

A: We were in Tombstone, Arizona, not long ago for a segment on the historic Birdcage Theater. While that building was suitably authentic — down to the 40-plus bullet holes in the walls and ceiling — the rest of the town is pretty much re-created. Even Tombstone's tombstones are not all originals. So, the catering to tourists is a little relentless — though a simulated gunfight in the street is never unwelcome.

Q: What was the first trip you took as a child?

A: The first one I remember was a road trip from Warren, Pennsylvania, to Miami Beach, Florida. I vaguely recall my mother doing perfect dives from a very high diving board and taking on a beached jellyfish with a stick.

Q: What's the most important thing you've learned from your travels?

A: The travels I've taken with the show have been a lesson on the fortitude, creativity and downright friendliness of my fellow Americans. Sure, there's a lot of rancor and divisive-

ness in our country, but that seems to fall by the wayside when people are sharing stuff they love to do, like racing pumpkins, spotting UFOs or raising fainting goats.

Q: Where are your favorite weekend getaways?

A: I spent a couple of summers with the Peninsula Players Theatre in Door County, Wisconsin, back in the '90s, and ever since I've tried to get back there for a long weekend at least once a year. Southern Illinois is pretty great for a weekend excursion. Giant City State Park is chock full of good hikes. A little closer to home, Lake Geneva and the Indiana Dunes are high on my list.

Q: If you've ever gone away for the holidays, which was the best trip?

A: In the early days, to grandmother's house we went, which was in Sharon, Pennsylvania. Second best? That would be Christmas in Williamsburg, Virginia, where they really gussy the place up for the holidays and add a lot of Christmas-related events to the historical experience.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.

TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Orbitz switches flight to Aruba, keeps Tahiti hotel

By Christopher Elliott
King Features Syndicate

Q: We had a vacation to Tahiti booked through Orbitz. My husband recently called Orbitz to see how much it would cost to change the vacation to Aruba. Orbitz rebooked our tickets without permission. But they didn't completely switch the vacations. Now we have flights to Aruba, but our hotel remains in Tahiti. I have tried numerous times to get this corrected, with absolutely no help. I've done this through phone calls, emails, Facebook Messenger and the Orbitz website chat.

The Orbitz error has cost me several hundred dollars because of change fees and penalties. Our original flight was refundable with a \$250 change fee per person. Can you help us?

— Jennifer Waters, Salem, Massachusetts

A: Orbitz never should have changed your original reservation. I don't know why it did. I think unless we went back to the call, we wouldn't know who said what.

That's one reason I always recommend that you use the website to make any changes to your reservation with an online agency. Orbitz, like most major online agencies, keeps a record of every click and keystroke. Also, you would have received an immediate email verifying the change to your itinerary.

Whatever happened here — and after a full investigation, that's still not entirely clear — a lot of things went wrong.

According to your account, you were on the phone with an Orbitz representative discussing flight options. You wanted to change your ticket because you were concerned that you might not get to Tahiti because of COVID-19 testing requirements. Then the call either got cut off, or the agent

hung up — you're not sure which.

A web chat or an email could have provided a paper trail. But it looks like you tried to call Orbitz after the dropped call, so there was no paper trail. Any record of the conversations would be in call center recordings that Orbitz won't let you listen to. You don't know definitively what you said or what the agent said.

In a perfect world, you would be able to record every phone call with Orbitz and have access to the transcript. But recording a phone conversation is a hassle, and call center employees are often instructed to hang up when you tell them you're recording the call. I guess only they can record.

Your vacation was part of a package, which means that you booked all of the components together, so it's even more confusing to me that Orbitz could have changed your flight but not the hotel. Yep, this one's a head scratcher.

You could have reached

out to an executive at Orbitz to find out how to fix this. I list the names, numbers and email addresses of the customer service managers at Orbitz (Expedia) on my nonprofit consumer advocacy site at www.elliott.org/company-contacts/expedia-customer-service-contacts/.

It turns out Orbitz had already offered you a credit for the price difference between the Tahiti vacation package and the one in Aruba. I contacted Orbitz, and it reviewed your case. "A refund of \$1,185 was processed back to the customer's card due to the miscommunication that occurred," a spokeswoman told me. That resolution worked for you.

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CELEBRITIES

Brooks jumps into action hero role

By Adam B. Vary
Variety

“Peacemaker” stars John Cena as Christopher Smith, the titular vigilante so committed to fighting for America that he doesn’t care who he must kill to save it. Writer-director James Gunn created the HBO Max show as a spinoff of his DC Comics feature, “The Suicide Squad.” Cena’s superhuman physique is on ample display in the show, and several other characters look like they were lifted straight from the pages of a DC comic book.

Danielle Brooks will be the first to tell you that her character on the show, Leota Adebayo, does not resemble a typical comic book character. As the newest addition to the black ops team tasked with babysitting Peacemaker, Adebayo is the kind of role the Emmy- and Tony-nominated Brooks never expected to play.

This interview with Brooks has been edited for clarity and length.

Q: How did “Peacemaker” come to you?

A: So, crazy enough, James Gunn watched “Orange Is the New Black.” He was a fan. And he wrote this part with me in mind. ... So we ended up having a meeting, and we just hit it off. I explained to him (that) I’ve never seen anyone like myself in this world. It was really exciting for James to say, “I like you the way you are. I don’t want you to get all this training and try to lose 100 pounds,” or all this stuff. He didn’t try to make me fit into his world. ... I really appreciated that.

Q: What did he tell you about your character?

A: James pitched her to me saying she is basically the eyes and ears for the audience. It’s almost like taking a normal person,



Danielle Brooks, seen Dec. 6, plays Leota Adebayo on the HBO Max series “Peacemaker.” JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION

putting them into this new realm, and how would they respond to it? That’s basically who Adebayo is: She’s this used-to-be-veterinarian, lesbian lady who is thrown into this job and is not really equipped to do this, but has actually everything that she needs to be a part of this team.

Q: The first episode makes clear how much “Peacemaker” is about a certain kind of white man who is coming to terms with how certain elements of his life have been toxic for him.

A: When you continue to watch, you’ll see the parallels that (Adebayo and Peacemaker) both have with the struggle with people in their lives that have had such huge influences on them — breaking that cycle, getting out of what they’ve been taught, and relearning. They’re so different, but yet that’s what connects them. They get each other because they’re experiencing the same things.

Q: Does your character see much action?

A: Come on! It’s a James Gunn TV show! Of course! I kept telling James I want to do all my stunts ... And I did a lot: (I) jumped over stuff and I got harnessed up in some things. They still use my stunt woman, who was wonderful, but I was able to at least attempt them first. I remember James Gunn saying, “Yo, Danielle, you’re finally an action hero!” It really just lit me up inside. ... I would love to do more. I love being able to surprise people with my capabilities, and just showing that, yeah, I can back-roll, too!

Jan. 16 birthdays: Singer Marilyn Horne is 88. Singer Ronnie Milsap is 79. Radio host Dr. Laura Schlessinger is 75. Filmmaker John Carpenter is 74. Actor Debbie Allen is 72. Singer Sade is 63. Singer Maxine Jones is 60. Actor Richard T. Jones is 50. Supermodel Kate Moss is 48. Actor Lin-Manuel Miranda is 42.



ASK AMY

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Pandemic experience calls for resilience

Dear Amy: I think this is a tall order, but I am asking for your thoughts about how to process the experience of the last few years.

I am overwhelmed by all of the sadness, division, dislocation and loss, and I wonder if the pandemic has scarred me permanently. I’m curious about your perspective on this.

— *Distressed*

Dear Distressed: I’m offering up two of my favorite modern philosophers: Viktor Frankl and Dolly Parton.

Frankl, a psychiatrist, was imprisoned at Auschwitz concentration camp, where all his captive family members were murdered. He survived.

His important book about this experience, “Man’s Search for Meaning,” (current edition: 2006, Beacon Press) offers indelible lessons about resilience.

Boiled down, Frankl’s belief is that human beings can find meaning and the motivation to persevere through suffering by unlocking their sense of purpose, and by developing a rich inner life.

On to Dolly, who said, “Storms make trees take deeper roots.”

At some point, we in North America seem to have absorbed the belief that life was supposed to be easy for us. It is not.

Surely the pandemic experience has connected us to other humans throughout time, who have experienced war, hunger, trauma and dislocation.

This is tough, but it is not the worst.

Personally, you can see your scars as evidence that you cannot heal, or you

can emerge wounded, but determined to grow.

I say — lead with your scars; they are proof of your humanity.

Dear Amy: Six years ago, after a gathering with my husband of 30 years, his mom, his two sisters and a brother-in-law, one of the sisters wrote me a letter.

In it, she enumerated all of my faults as she perceived them, said I do not contribute anything to the family, and said that she and the rest of the family despise me.

The letter felt so toxic, so vicious and so unreal that I shredded it immediately.

But its impact has lasted. It showed signs of different writing styles and voices, so I’m pretty sure more than one person contributed to it.

He and his sisters speak on the phone and communicate on social media, but we haven’t visited.

Suddenly, after six years of silence, the sisters-in-law have started sending me birthday cards and messages as if nothing happened. They say they want to get together.

I’m fine not having a relationship with them. That includes not expecting an apology. I am also not apologizing for all the perceived wrongs I was accused of years ago.

Is the letter something to be swept under the rug and forgotten? Am I OK to maintain my silence and distance? Or should I forgive and forget?

— *Still in a Quandary*

Dear Quandary: These in-laws have opened a door, and I suggest that you walk through it.

You’re already happily

estranged from them, you don’t expect anything specific from them, but you might receive some clarification over this choice they made six years ago that continues to bother you.

And so — ask about it! You can respond by saying, “I’m completely baffled. Six years ago, I received a letter, signed by you, that spelled out in detail all of my flaws. It also said that your family despises me. I completely accept that. If something has changed, you should let me know.”

There is a remote possibility that you will receive a response that is authentic and surprising. Most likely, you can expect something along the lines of: “Wow, that was no big deal. I can’t believe you took that so seriously!”

If so, that’s when you’ll know that keeping your distance is the wisest course.

Dear Amy: Many people suggest that those who are isolated or alone over the holidays should volunteer.

This sounds like a great suggestion, but organizations are flooded with requests to volunteer around the holidays. Many need to screen and train volunteers, which is time-consuming.

However, during the rest of the year, many such organizations really need more volunteers. Maybe you could suggest it?

— *Volunteer*

Dear Volunteer: Absolutely! Thank you.

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Aries (March 21-April 19):

Making progress in your career may be rewarding for you at this time, but you could start to get the sense that disorganization at home is holding you back from doing even better. Look at what you already have before you begin.

Taurus (April 20-May 20):

Vulnerability and power simultaneously exist within you, and today you might feel both of those qualities impacting your life. Even you could be a little intimidated by how intensely your convictions can shake up your life. If you can be truthful, people may find your perspective relatable.

Gemini (May 21-June 20):

Feeling vulnerable could provoke you to reach out for help. You might actually get the assistance you want, but try to be aware of what your benefactor stands to gain from the arrangement. There doesn’t have to be anything wrong with a transaction where everyone benefits.

Cancer (June 21-July 22):

A close relationship could be stressful for you now, as you may feel like you have to choose between following your heart and being emotionally safe. It might seem as though the only way to stay at a level of risk you find acceptable is to separate from this friend or loved one.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):

You may take pride in checking things off your to-do list today, but working hard could still tire you out after a while. Instead of forcing yourself to push ahead no matter what, see whether or not you have permission to take a break. Authority figures might be more lenient than you expect.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

You may be eager to impress your friends with what you’ve been up to lately, especially if you’ve done something fun and creative. Their reaction might not be what you expect, but try to resist the urge to push them. You may learn that you remind them of an author or other creator!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

Home life could frustrate you at the moment, as you might feel like you must decide between having things the way you want them and having peace with everyone else. If you give others more space to go their own way, you may actually be pleasantly surprised with the results!

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

You may have a lot on your mind these days — fortunately, sharing some of it with someone close to you could be good for your relationship. Though you might be worried about how they’ll react to your thoughts, you may be able to keep things calm by being honest.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

You may feel like you have a lot of money right now. If someone comes to you wanting financial assistance, you might see how having them indebted to you would work in your favor. This may lead to drama down the line. Remain open to creative transactions.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

You may be trying to portray a serious and dignified image today, but someone close to you could throw off your vibe. Instead of pressuring them, reflect on why this person is in your life. Sometimes opposites attract because they need each other! Their sense of fun is good for you.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

Keeping a secret could be harder than you expected. Even though it may be a happy secret, like your plans for a surprise party for someone close to you, some unexpectedly difficult work might be necessary to prevent the truth from getting out. Find a reason to leave the house.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):

The energy of a community you belong to could be quite intense at this time. Listen to your own intuition about whether you really feel secure there. If you can safely talk to a member of the group about your concerns, that could be a sign things are generally on the right track.

LAST WEEK’S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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SCRABBLEGRAMS

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BOGGLE BRAIN BUSTERS!

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Collectively, the crew that maintains the Golden Gate Bridge has a —

LONG ATTENTION SPAN

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On Jan. 16, 27 B.C., Caesar Augustus was declared the first Emperor of the Roman Empire by the Senate.

In 1920, Prohibition began in the United States.

In 1942, actor Carole Lombard, her mother, and 20 other people were killed when their plane crashed near Las Vegas.

In 1987, Hu Yaobang resigned as head of China’s Communist Party.

In 1989, three days of rioting began in Miami when a police officer fatally shot Clement Lloyd, a Black motorcyclist.

In 2003, the space shuttle Columbia blasted off for what turned out to be its last flight; on board was Israel’s first astronaut, Ilan Ramon.

In 2007, Democratic Sen. Barack Obama launched his successful bid for the White House.

In 2020, the first impeachment trial of President Donald Trump opened.

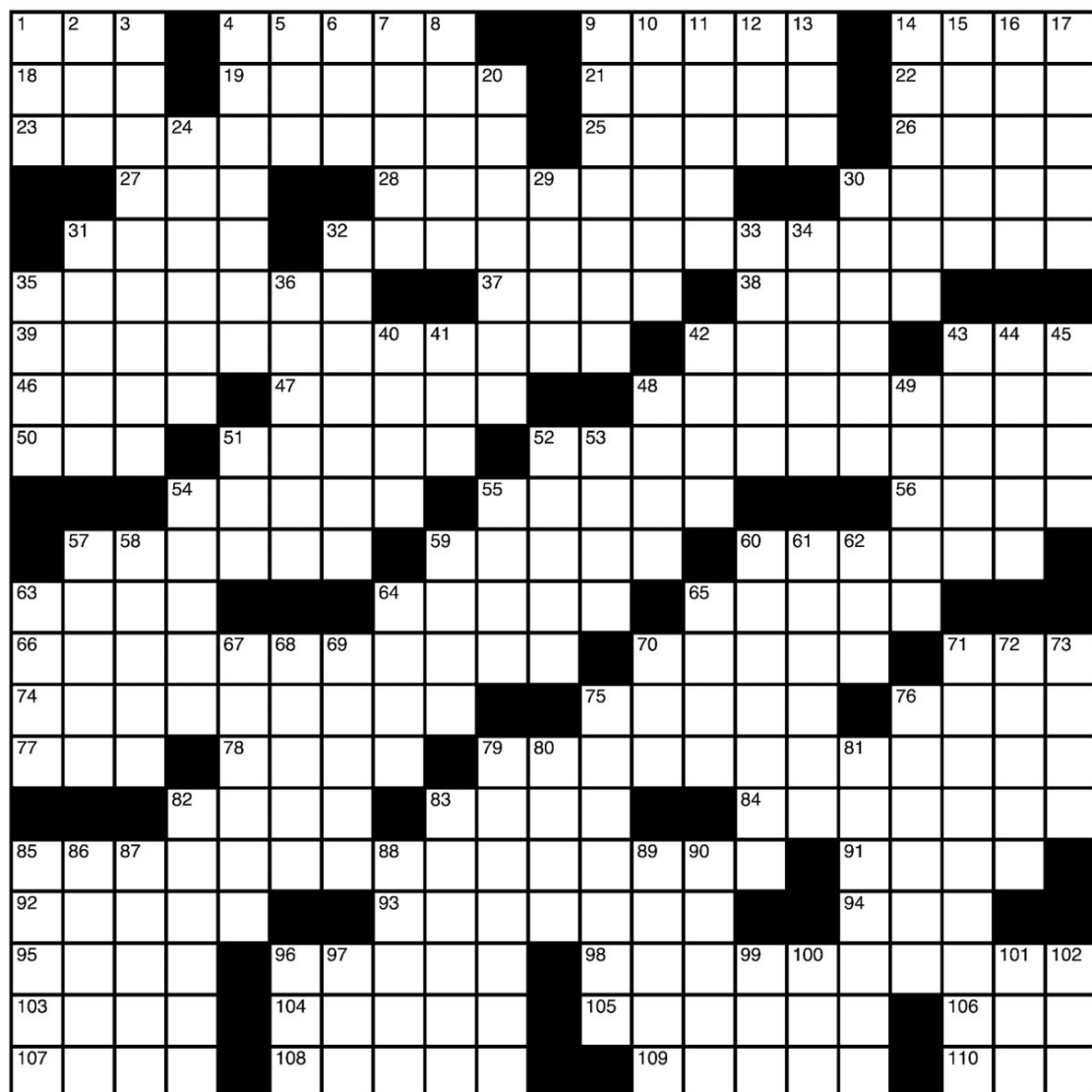
ARTS&LiViNG

I Have a Dream

By Darryl Gonzalez

Across

1. Felt
4. Snuck
9. Venomous snake
14. ER readouts
18. Env. insert
19. Art movement since the '70s
21. In different places
22. Sty fare
23. *Like one of two parents, often
25. Turkish bread
26. Correct the pitch of
27. Maria __ Trapp
28. Beyond repair
30. Insurance giant
31. Drei squared
32. *When many grab a bite
35. Four-time Grammy-nominated metal band
37. "Dies __": hymn
38. Amazon and others, locally
39. *Inverness native
42. Large green moth
43. Bio or chem
46. Pre-revelry nights
47. Navel variety
48. Unchains
50. United
51. "... without trying to change me"
52. *Software design considerations
54. Makes less dense
55. Break down
56. Gram prefix
57. Partaking of
59. Big celebrations
60. Rio Grande city
63. Green-skinned "Return of the Jedi" girl
64. Snacks
65. Underground conduit
66. *Cube in a bowl
70. Credited in a note
71. Windy City rail initials
74. Wrestling foes
75. Iranian language
76. Many hybrid dogs, casually
77. Jack or jenny
78. Zest
79. *Bridge holdings sufficient to start the bidding with
82. Eighteen-wheelers
83. Raison d' __
84. "You better believe I'll fight!"
85. *Cardiologist's dietary concern



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91. They know the ropes
92. Ames native
93. Bob Hope venue
94. Luke, to Darth
95. Sonny & Cher hit
96. "Chase those guys!"
98. End of an iconic speech ... and what the ends of the answers to starred clues can have?
103. Mystery's Gardner
104. Sunlit courts
105. Fired at the table?
106. Once named
107. On a pension: Abbr.

108. Rimes of country
 109. Cool giant
 110. Ecrú relative
- Down**
1. Director Craven
 2. Queen's subject
 3. Picked around in, as a junkyard
 4. English __
 5. Slowing, to an orch.
 6. N.T. book
 7. Start to finish?
 8. May bouquet words
 9. Shopping area loiterer

10. Each
11. Lundi follower
12. Lingerie item
13. @@@
14. Fragrant compounds
15. 1971 Fonda/Sutherland film
16. Plannin'to
17. Jargon ending
20. Rodents on wheels, perhaps
24. Some hostel visitors
29. Dynamic start?
30. On the train
31. None too worldly
32. Food preservation method

33. Island that's the first word of The Beach Boys' "Kokomo"
34. Strong textile
35. "What a relief!"
36. Gorp bit
40. Genetic carriers
41. __ City: computer game
42. Facebook option
43. Knight's ride
44. "Heart Blanche" rapper Green
45. Atoll, say
48. L in a box score
49. Word before party or math
51. Sushi-grade tuna
52. "See ya"
53. Rock groups?
54. Sling on a phone
55. Animal rights org.
57. Doctor's office posting
58. Salamanca souls
59. Mulberry family fruit
60. "We should just skip it"
61. Barely clear of the bottom
62. __ state
63. First name in '70s Olympics gymnastics
64. Town
65. Virtual name that means "beautiful woman who leads you to victory" in Norwegian
67. Sales rep's upsell
68. Fannie of "Fried Green Tomatoes" fame
69. Feeling
70. Has the ability to
71. One of 21, or sometimes 20
72. Brouhahas
73. Trade gp.
75. Get energy from
76. Girl Scout group
79. Den piece
80. __-à-porter: ready-to-wear
81. Trendy type often parodied on "Portlandia"
82. For mature audiences
83. Enter with caution
85. It's quarry
86. "Now __ talking!"
87. Obsessed (on)
88. __ Sweet: sugar substitute
89. Rolls and binds
90. Zones
96. Eight pts.
97. Tour de France saison
99. Vitals checker, briefly
100. Law school accrediting org.
101. Cruiser's milieu
102. Highest Scrabble tile point value

SCRABBLEGRAMS

Directions: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. “Blanks” used as any letter have no point value. All words are in the Official SCRABBLE Players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

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BEST SCORE 317

FIVE RACK TOTAL _____
TIME LIMIT: 25 MIN

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SUDOKU

By The Mephram Group

To play: Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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BOGGLE BRAIN BUSTERS!

By David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

Instructions: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

A 5x5 grid of letters, each letter is inside a white square with a black border. The letters are arranged as follows:

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O	Y	S	D	B
E	I	L	I	A
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MY PET WORLD

Howling keeps cat owner from getting much sleep

By **Cathy M. Rosenthal**
Tribune Content Agency

Dear Cathy: We have a 17-year-old indoor cat. His brother passed away five years ago, and he has been an only cat ever since. To say he is spoiled is an understatement. He likes being combed while he eats, likes sitting on our laps, and sleeping in our bed. The crying after we go to bed, however, has been going on for years and has now turned into howls and has gotten worse. He injured his paw and is being treated for carpal hyperextension and is in an orthotic brace. Now we have to keep him out of our bed to keep him from jumping down. Our sleep is obviously affected, and we are desperate for relief.
— *Kathy, New Smyrna Beach, Florida*

Dear Kathy: Among other things, cats vocalize to express discontent, boredom, anxiety, pain or discomfort. We can't discount the discomfort (or irritability) he may be feeling with the brace. I recommend though, getting him checked by a veterinarian first to make sure he has not developed another health problem, since the howling is getting worse — and worsening behaviors can often signal illness.

If he's healthy and you don't think it's the brace, then introduce three 10-minute play sessions a day with the last session being 30 minutes before bedtime; activities like chasing laser lights, batting cat toys, tossing catnip toys into the air and/or solving puzzle games. Then feed him before you go to bed. With a full belly and tired body, he will be more likely to sleep afterward. (Cats should be fed at a minimum twice daily and no more than 12 hours apart, so you may have to feed him later in the morning to do this.)



Cats vocalize to express discontent, boredom, anxiety, pain, or discomfort. **DREAMSTIME**

If you have a yard, deck or patio, you also could get him a cat tent and put him in the tent for about an hour or so daily, depending on the weather. Being outside is stimulating for a cat's mind and the cat tent offers him a safe place to be.

Over time, these suggestions should help tire him out and reset any night-time behaviors. Until then, get some ear plugs for you and a sound machine for your bedroom — and close the bedroom door (only if needed) — so you can get some rest.

Dear Cathy: I read your column about cats fighting

and it was very informative. We are having the same issue with our two cats who have lived together a long time and now are fighting. We have split them up for now. The older cat is almost content to be away from the younger cat. I will try the pheromone diffusers, but I am scared about the collars because of possible harm from cats hurting themselves with the collars. Is there any pheromone collar that is safer and truly breakaway? I am having trouble finding one. Thanks so much for your article. We are going to try everything you suggested.
— *Laurie, Las Vegas*

Dear Laurie: I am glad the suggestions I gave to Steven in East Meadow, New York, are helpful for you as well. I also recommend getting a thorough veterinary exam for your older cat. Sometimes, when one cat is ill, cats in the same household may suddenly “pick on” the sick cat. Let's make sure your older feline is healthy and not harboring some quiet illness. As for the pheromone collars, Comfort Zone makes a breakaway collar for cats that you can find at a pet store or online retailer.

Dear Cathy: My Jack Russell was very sensitive

about his tags hitting the food bowl when he ate, so I put rubber tape around the bowl, so it didn't hurt his ears. I thought this might help Karen from Port Washington, New York.
— *Kathy Connolly, Elwood, Illinois*

Dear Kathy: Some dogs (and people) can be sensitive to the sound of dog or cat tags hitting food and water dishes. In addition to using rubber (silicone) tape, another DIY solution is to glue felt onto the back of each tag to act as a buffer between tags. You also can purchase tag silencers at pet stores and online

retailers. They are pieces of rubber that fit around each tag to keep them from clanging together. There are also storage pouches that attach to the collar where the tags can be stored. Or you can opt for a nametag that is riveted to the collar or embroidered to the collar to eliminate the sound entirely.

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Part-time professor's students show insufficient deference



Judith Martin
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: As a part-time university professor, I have of late been receiving emails from students who use the closing salutations “Best” and “Best regards.” A bit of research reveals that many websites do recommend use of these terms by students.

Personally, I find these closings to be far too personal. They actually rankle me.

One way to find alternatives to such terms is to examine advice on writing to judges. After all, we as professors are, in effect, judging students' mastery of a subject and assigning them a grade. You'd never sign a letter or an email to a judge using “Best” or “Best regards,” or even “Regards.”

One would use “Respectfully,” or similar terms. I find “Respectfully” or “Respectfully yours” far preferable to “Best,” “All the best” or some such when writing to a professor.

Moreover, a simple “Thank you” at the end of an email in which a student is asking for a meeting, or to revisit an assignment, etc., seems quite sufficient to me, and does not verge across the line into overfamiliarity. What do you think?

Gentle reader: It is true that “I remain your humble and obedient servant” was a bit odd when writing to challenge the recipient to a duel.

Even among the few of us who have stayed with the more dignified

“Sincerely yours” and “Yours truly” — of whom even fewer know that the first is for social correspondence and the second for business — the “yours” is often dropped from “sincerely.”

Miss Manners is always cautioning people not to take such conventions literally, as have those who substitute the cheeky “Hi!” to avoid addressing the unloved as “dear.” “Regards,” which avoids protesting one's sincerity or truthfulness, is perhaps a bit breezy for a superior, but she would not want to invite arguments about the amount of respect felt toward individual professors. Still, she can't help thinking “Best what?” when that word appears alone. Would it wear out those senders to add one more word?

But your request for thanks is premature. The writer can express appreciation, but only in the conditional tense — “I would be very grateful if you would ...” — in case you do not comply.

Dear Miss Manners: I follow a specific diet that I don't believe should be of any interest to co-workers or clients, whom I sometimes must meet at restaurants. I always order at least a tea or a carbonated water, because I owe the restaurant something for my seat, and I may order a salad.

I may or may not eat or drink anything I've ordered; I'm there to give information to clients, answer questions or motivate my staff. Sometimes I get inquiries such as, “Aren't you hungry?” to which I answer, “I ate not too long ago.”

I really believe the majority of the people meeting with me care more about why we're meeting than what I'm

eating. However, my No. 2 suggests that eating and drinking at these meetings is important because it mirrors other people's body language. My thought is that displaying body language that is welcoming and enthusiastic is sufficient.

Also, I present myself to staff and clients as one who is disciplined, works hard and keeps her word. Part of how I present that is a commitment to exercise and health. So I figure they would likely see these restaurant habits as in keeping with what I preach.

Am I being rude in some way? Everyone else at the table is welcome to order anything they like.

Gentle reader: You attended events in which you could not fully participate. You did not draw attention to why you were unable to participate. You did your best to disguise your discomfort. And you refrained from lecturing others about their own tastes.

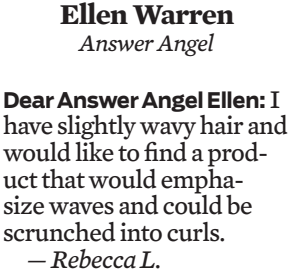
Miss Manners can find little fault with your behavior. But she also understands the point made by your No. 2, which is subtle and dependent on your position as No. 1 — i.e., The Boss.

The location for client meetings may be beyond your control. But avoiding food when you are the host is apt to attract attention, even if such attention does not rise to the level of, “What does she know what we don't?” For those events, why not choose a different place or activity?

To send a question to the Miss Manners team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to missmanners.com or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.



Products for curly, wavy hair



Ellen Warren
Answer Angel

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I have slightly wavy hair and would like to find a product that would emphasize waves and could be scrunched into curls.
— *Rebecca L.*

Dear Rebecca: You're in luck. There's been a huge proliferation of products for every degree of curl and wave. Finding the right product(s) is a huge step toward eliminating damaging heated styling tools and time-suck blow-drying and straightening from your hair routine.

While my hair is way too curly to be managed by products for your “slightly wavy” hair, I turned to Deb S., who is a one-woman expert on what works for wavy hair. These wave and curl aids are expensive, and more companies should sell sample sizes for us to try before we make a big investment in products that don't work.

Deb (with an assist from her sister Andra) recommends:

- Innersense (innersensebeauty.com)
- Pure Harmony Hairbath (shampoo), \$9-\$70; Pure Inspiration Daily Conditioner, \$9-\$80; Sweet Spirit Leave In Conditioner, \$9-\$26. The 2-ounce

\$9 sizes let you sample before you commit to a larger size. (Innersense products also sold at ulta.com, amazon.com and more.)

- AG (us.aghair.com)
- Curl Revive shampoo, \$26-\$62; Curl Thrive conditioner, \$26-\$62 and Re:Coil curl activator, \$24-\$38 (All three sold together, \$74, currently sold out.) (AG products also sold at walmart.com, ultabeauty.com, amazon.com, naturallycurly.com and more.)
- Aveda (aveda.com)
- be curly curl enhancer, \$10-\$28. (Aveda products also sold at Walmart, drug stores, and more.)
- DevaCurl (devacurl.com)
- Wave Maker, \$18-\$26. (DevaCurl products also sold at nordstrom.com, target.com, sephora.com and more.)

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: For three years, one nail on my right hand has continuously split at the tip. Once it gets past the tip, I must cut the nail as short as I can. Otherwise it catches on everything. I have tried nail glue and bandages but so far nothing has helped. Maybe someone on your team or a reader has a solution.
— *Barbara G.*

Dear Barbara: I'm flattered that you think I have a “team.” For better or worse it's just a team of one: me. But readers have great solutions, and here's

hoping they respond to your plea. My suggestion is to ask a nail tech for recommendations. For years, I've been wearing acrylic nails that protect my weak natural nails. Others prefer gel nails. The upkeep is expensive, \$38 every three weeks. But, since you only have one problem nail, the cost shouldn't be much and perhaps it is worth a try.

From Ellen:

For Adrienne K. and other readers who asked me how to locate a discontinued Estée Lauder product, there's this: Estée Lauder has a “Gone But Not Forgotten” team that will try to find discontinued products for 17 of its brands if discontinued within 36 months and not part of a special edition or seasonal promotion. That covers 17 brands including Clinique, Origins, Bobbi Brown, Donna Karan Cosmetics and 13 others. To initiate a search, email consumercare-US@gcc.gbnf.estee.com or call 1-800-216-7173.

Unfortunately for reader Adrienne, they couldn't find the product she was searching for.

Now it's your turn

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerange ellen@gmail.com.

Audio tests often miss a common condition

Sounds detected but not understood in noisy settings by people with hidden hearing loss

By Emma Yasinski
The New York Times

Until a few months ago, Lucie Gendreau, 66, had never really worried about her hearing. She never noticed anything wrong with it and rarely exposed herself to the kinds of noise intensities known to cause hearing loss. As a younger woman, she'd go to the odd Roberta Flack concert, but she was never one for blasting heavy metal. She'd much rather spend hours in the library than at a noisy football game.

Now a self-described introvert living in Boston, Gendreau has mild tinnitus, which started in her 30s, but, until recently, no other hearing issues. She lives a quiet life, literally and figuratively, occasionally participating in clinical trials in her spare time.

In October, she sat in a soundproof booth while researchers administered an odd sort of hearing test. Instead of asking her to raise her hand when she heard a tone, they asked her to repeat words that were said against different volumes of background noise. She was shocked at what she heard — or, better yet, didn't hear. "I just could not discern words," she said. It was like everyone was speaking another language. "It was kind of a frustrating experience."

It turns out that Gendreau has what audiologists call hidden hearing loss, a condition in which people can detect sounds but struggle to understand them in noisy settings. A person with hidden hearing loss can pass a traditional audiogram, raising her hand anytime the technician plays a beep of varying volume and pitch, and can have a conversation with one other person in a quiet room. But move that

conversation to a crowded bar, and it'll feel like their companion is speaking gibberish.

It's unclear how many people suffer from the condition, which was first described in 2009. Scientists are still developing tests to diagnose it, which is difficult, since many people who experience it may not notice and don't visit the audiologist.

One way that researchers have tried to estimate the prevalence of hidden hearing loss is by calculating how many people go to the audiologist complaining of difficulty hearing but end up scoring fine on the audiogram. These reported difficulties "may likely be due to hidden hearing loss," said Dr. Yin Ren, an otolaryngologist at the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.

A 2018 study said this described 15% of patients. Another from 2020 found about 10% of patients who complained of hearing loss left without a clear diagnosis.

Stephane Maison, an audiologist and researcher at Mass Eye and Ear hospital who ran the study that Gendreau joined, said that even these numbers might underestimate the prevalence of hidden hearing loss. "That will only tell you about the people who decided to get an appointment," he said.

Sarah Sydlowski, president of the American Academy of Audiology and an audiologist at Cleveland Clinic, agreed. She said people with this type of hearing loss "don't always recognize the difficulty" they're having; thus, they don't visit an audiologist. These estimates also wouldn't catch those with combined traditional and hidden hearing loss.

Although the risk seems



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to increase with age, hidden hearing loss tends to strike earlier than traditional hearing loss, showing up even in college students.

For decades, scientists assumed that the parts of our ears most susceptible to noise-induced hearing loss were the tiny hairs in our cochlea, deep in our ears, that vibrate when sound waves meet the sides of our heads. When these are damaged, it's like someone turned down the volume on the world and you might not hear sounds, even in librarylike silence.

Some patients might have complained they were unable to, say, hear the umpire at a Little League game, but as long as their hair cells were intact and they could hear in a quiet testing room, doctors often could find nothing wrong. In 2009, however, armed with new imaging technology that can look past

those hair cells, researchers exposed mice to rock-concert levels of sound, and went looking for signs of damage deeper in the auditory system.

They found that the brain cells these hairs communicate with are even more fragile than the hair cells themselves; although the hair cells in animal's ears remained intact after the "concert," their corresponding brain cells shriveled.

These brain cells form two main bundles of neurons that translate hair vibrations into chemical signals our brains can interpret. One bundle responds to louder sounds and one responds to quieter sounds. Maison explained that the ones tuned to loud noises are most likely to get damaged first, leaving the one designed for softer inputs to pick up the slack. When that happens,

if you're in a quiet space and your friend is whispering, you'll have no problem understanding them. If you go to a party, however, that bundle of whisper-loving cells will get overwhelmed by background noise and send your brain a garbled, indecipherable message.

There is no conclusive test for hidden hearing loss, but if you struggle to understand the conversation whenever the brunch table has more than a few guests, you might have it. For the past five years, Maison said his team has been working to develop and validate a series of tests such as the ones Gendreau took, but diagnostic criteria aren't definitive yet, and, for now, few audiologists check for hidden hearing loss.

Rather than asking someone to repeat themselves louder, ask them to repeat themselves slower, said Sydlowski. Speaking

"more clearly is a lot more effective than speaking louder, which is what we all have a tendency to do," she said.

A strategy that Maison recommended is to "make sure the background noise is at your back." If you're at a crowded restaurant with a friend, have that friend sit against the wall while you face that person.

You could also try a frequency-modulation system, which Ren said wirelessly transmits your partner's voice to your headphones or hearing aids. The difference between this and the directional microphone is that the former doesn't amplify the sounds coming from a particular direction, it just shortens the sound's route to your ear, limiting opportunities for it to mesh with background sounds or reverberate off other surfaces.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Fourth COVID-19 booster shot not yet recommended

By Joe Graedon, M.S., and Teresa Graedon, Ph.D.
King Features Syndicate

Q: My husband had the Pfizer booster three months ago. He now wants to get the Moderna booster. Is it safe to get another booster shot after only three months? If not, how long should he wait to get another booster? He has coronary artery disease and heart failure but no problems with weight or diabetes. When would it be safe for him to get a fourth shot?

A: Israel has been at the forefront of COVID vaccinations. Health experts there are debating the pros and cons of a fourth shot. An expert panel recommended that people over 60, immunocompromised patients and health care workers get another booster at least four months after their third Pfizer shot.

Before rolling out this program countrywide, Israeli researchers are testing the additional booster on 150 health care workers. Public health authorities in the U.S. are not yet recommending a fourth shot. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention did state, however, that people who received the Pfizer-BioNTech shots initially could get a Moderna booster as the third shot.

Q: Thank you for posting articles about Xyzal withdrawal on your website. I am currently going through that awful process. Since stopping Xyzal, I have been breaking out in hives throughout the day on my arms, stomach, legs, hands and



A woman administers a Moderna booster vaccine Dec. 27 to a woman in Antwerp, Belgium. VIRGINIA MAYO/AP 2021

chest. I was searching my brain for what I could possibly be allergic to. Had I changed detergents? (No.) Eaten anything unusual? (No.) The hives look like welts or long scratch marks when I haven't even scratched the area.

Is there any way to make the drug manufacturer warn of this terrible withdrawal process? It seems like they have a responsibility.

A: Levocetirizine (Xyzal) and its chemical cousin cetirizine (Zyrtec) are antihistamines that are less likely to cause drowsiness than older allergy medicines. Readers first reported withdrawal itching more than a decade ago. We badgered the Food and Drug Administration about this problem for years.

Finally, the agency reported more than 100 cases it found in its FDA Adverse Event Reporting System database (Therapeutic Advances in Drug Safety, July 5, 2019). The agency told us that it would require a warning about discontinuation itching in the prescribing information.

Sadly, though, we have

seen no such warning on over-the-counter versions of these antihistamines.

Q: Beginning in my 30s, I tried a variety of prescribed antidepressants. The results were disastrous. When I was 50, I found a psychiatrist who diagnosed me with seasonal affective disorder (SAD) and prescribed a light box. It's been life-changing. I would encourage people who have problems with depression, especially if it's more serious, to investigate light boxes. Mine has been a huge help for over 20 years.

A: Bright light therapy has been used to treat SAD for at least three decades. A review of 19 randomized controlled trials found such treatment to be effective (Psychotherapy and Psychosomatics, January 2020). Thank you for reminding us that some people find light therapy to be quite helpful.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.

Q&A

What is a bicuspid aortic valve?

Mayo Clinic

Q: I consider myself to be in good health. I work out several times a week, but recently I began experiencing episodes of shortness of breath after going up and down the stairs in my home. After running on the treadmill a few weeks ago, I got dizzy and fainted. I went to my doctor who told me that I have a bicuspid aortic valve. Can you share more about what this is and if it can be fixed? Also, I have children. Are they at risk for this condition?

A: It can be a shock to receive a diagnosis that you have a heart condition. The good news is that you should be able to live a healthy and active lifestyle with the right care.

A bicuspid aortic valve is a common cardiovascular condition, affecting about 1% of the general population. Bicuspid aortic valves are more common in men, but also affect women. A bicuspid aortic valve is a congenital condition, meaning that people are born with two rather than the normal three cusps on their aortic valve. Although bicuspid aortic valves can occur sporadically without any inheritance pattern, the condition also can run in families. Many people can live with a bicuspid aortic valve for their entire life, but there are those who may need to have their valve surgically replaced or repaired.

When people are born with a bicuspid aortic valve, the bicuspid valve typically functions well throughout childhood and early adulthood. When people reach middle age, bicuspid aortic valves can begin to degenerate. Degeneration is normal for aortic valves as people age, but occurs at a younger age in bicuspid aortic valves compared to normal aortic valves.



Health care providers usually diagnose bicuspid aortic valves with an ultrasound of the heart called an echocardiogram. DREAMSTIME

Degeneration occurs in two forms: narrowing, also known as stenosis; or leaking, also known as regurgitation. People do not feel any symptoms of bicuspid aortic valves until the narrowing or leaking becomes severe enough to affect heart function. At that point, people with bicuspid aortic valves may notice shortness of breath, difficulty exercising, light-headedness or chest pain. This sounds like what happened in your situation.

If heart function becomes significantly impaired, people can develop heart failure — the symptoms of which include fluid retention, weight gain, swelling in the legs, substantial breathing difficulty and, potentially, even syncope, which means passing out.

Health care providers usually diagnose bicuspid aortic valves with an ultrasound of the heart called an echocardiogram. CT scan and MRI also can detect bicuspid aortic valves. Bicuspid aortic valves often make characteristic sounds when health care providers listen to hearts.

People with bicuspid aortic valves also carry a risk for enlargement, or aneurysm development, of the ascending aorta, which is the main blood vessel that carries blood out of

the heart.

People with bicuspid aortic valves need to have examinations from their health care provider and tests to monitor the valve and aorta on a regular basis.

The frequency of monitoring depends on the degree of valve stenosis or regurgitation, ascending aorta enlargement, and a person's family history. Tests may be necessary as frequently as every six months to as rarely as every five years.

There are no medications to treat a bicuspid aortic valve. The only treatment is surgery to repair or replace the aortic valve if the stenosis or regurgitation becomes bad enough, or if the ascending aorta becomes too large.

People diagnosed with a bicuspid aortic valve should understand that they will require regular monitoring and may eventually require valve replacement or repair. They should otherwise live an active, healthy and normal lifestyle.

— Michael Cullen, M.D., Cardiovascular Medicine, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota

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Hawley just calls himself a storyteller

‘*Fargo*’ showrunner looks at what unifies us in his sixth novel

By Elizabeth A. Harris
The New York Times

AUSTIN, Texas — Noah Hawley tries never to approach a story the same way twice.

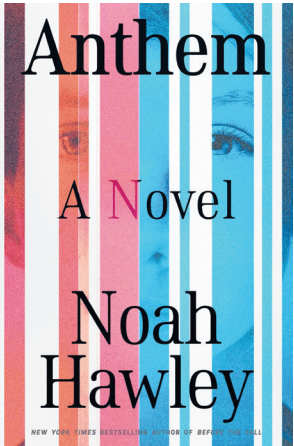
When FX asked if he’d like to make an X-Men television series, Hawley came up with “*Legion*,” a surrealist mind-bender in which the protagonist hears and sees things that aren’t real. He has made four seasons of “*Fargo*,” a show loosely — very loosely — based on the Coen brothers’ film. Every season, he replaces the characters, picks a new setting and still calls it “*Fargo*.”

His sixth novel, “*Anthem*,” recently released from Grand Central Publishing, is an exploration of contemporary America laced with magical realism. It features vicious political divisions, climate change, an insurrection and a study of what it’s like to be young in a collapsing world. It also includes a witch who is impossible to kill, a teenager who has regular chats with God and an outbreak of teenage suicides.

Hawley, as you see, is busy. An author, showrunner and director, he even sang on the soundtracks for “*Legion*” and “*Fargo*.” These days, he said, he just calls himself a storyteller.

“A big part of what I’m trying to do,” he said, “is to bypass that part of your brain that’s been trained by the thousands of stories that you’ve consumed in your lifetime.”

Hawley, 54, started out wanting to be a musician. After graduating from Sarah Lawrence College



‘*Anthem*’
By Noah Hawley; Grand Central Publishing, 446 pages, \$29.

in 1989, he moved to the Brooklyn borough of New York City with his band and got a day job as a paralegal for the Legal Aid Society. His band, Bass Nation, played gigs and toured a bit — Hawley played guitar and sang — but it didn’t feel like it was going anywhere. So he started writing.

A few years later, when he was living in San Francisco, he sold his first novel, “*A Conspiracy of Tall Men*.” His mother, Louise Armstrong, was also an author, and through her, Hawley said, he found an agent.

One of Hawley’s first attempts at a novel, set at a college, had been sent around to editors but never sold. One editor, he was told, felt Hawley was reluctant to make changes. That was news to him.

“I will change anything you want!” he remembered thinking. But in the intervening years, that perception about his openness to feedback doesn’t seem to have changed much.

“What I’ll hear is, ‘Oh, the network has a note, but they’re afraid to give it to you,’” Hawley said. “Which is so interesting because I

never yell at anybody about anything. But that’s good because I don’t necessarily want the note,” he joked — or he seemed to be joking.

“I can be difficult to read sometimes,” he said. “But on some level, that can be good, too, because a lot of this is a poker game.”

After his first book was published, Hawley wrote a screenplay and an adaptation of his novel, and from there started writing TV pilots. Three of his pilots were bought and never made. In 2004, he moved to Los Angeles and took a job on procedural series “*Bones*” so he could learn how to make a show.

It was a good move, so good that he didn’t have to stay in LA for long. Five years later, Hawley and his family moved to Austin, where they have lived off and on ever since.

Today he and his wife, Kyle, live on a sort of mini-compound on a half-acre with their two kids, who are 9 and 14, his wife’s aunt and three dogs.

The kernel that became “*Anthem*” started percolating about five years ago. Hawley had published his previous novel, “*Before the Fall*,” with Hachette, and Michael Pietsch, the company’s CEO, was eager to sign him up for another. Hawley’s editor had just left the company, so Pietsch offered to edit the book himself.

“You could do worse than the guy who edited ‘*Infinite Jest*,’” Hawley said of Pietsch.

During summer 2019, Hawley was planning to work on the book during a two-month family vacation in Europe. At a bookstore in London, he collected a stack of novels that had been “eureka moments” for him, he said, including “*The New York Trilogy*,”



Noah Hawley, seen Dec. 9 at his Austin, Texas, home, has released his sixth novel, “*Anthem*,” set in a divided America with a touch of magical realism. LAUREN WITTHROW/THE NEW YORK TIMES

by Paul Auster; “*The Unbearable Lightness of Being*,” by Milan Kundera; “*One Hundred Years of Solitude*,” by Gabriel Garcia Marquez; and “*Song of Solomon*,” by Toni Morrison.

“And now you’re traveling around with a box of books, and you’re like, ‘Why didn’t I just buy two?’” he recalled. “But it felt critical that I get them all.”

“*Anthem*” is woven together using a number of contemporary threads, mostly seen through the eyes of teenagers who are battling to save themselves and one another. One of the main characters, Simon, is the scion of

a pharmaceutical fortune made by selling opioids. A culture war descends into armed conflict, in a way that reads like it must be a riff on Jan. 6 — except that Hawley wrote it the previous October.

“One of the ideas explored in the book is what unifies us now when there are so many things that tear us apart,” Pietsch said. “Imagine being a kid, hearing that the oceans are dying, that the bees are dying, reading about the opioid epidemic, seeing these political battles and reading about sexual predation. This sense that the world you’re growing into is being destroyed

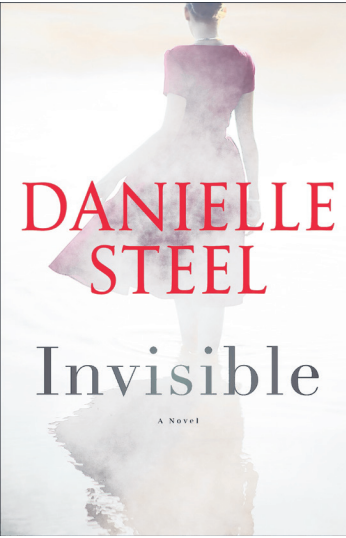
before your eyes, and what’s going to be there for you? What must that be like, and what can you do?”

Hawley hasn’t started thinking yet about another book, but he has been sketching out ideas for the next season of “*Fargo*.”

“I have the luxury of when I have ideas, I think, ‘Well, what is it?’” he said. “Is it a show? Is it a movie? Is it a book? But for something to be a book, it means you’re going to live with it for three or four or five years. There has to be enough there. It has to be about things — for me — that are more than just: ‘Is he going to get the girl? Are they going to get away?’”

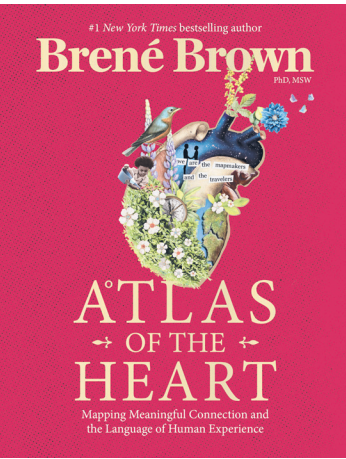
NATIONAL BESTSELLERS

HARDCOVER FICTION
1. “*Invisible*” by Danielle Steel (Delacorte) *Last week: —*



- 2. “*The Judge’s List*” by John Grisham (Doubleday) *Last week: 1*
- 3. “*The Last Thing He Told Me*” by Laura Dave (Simon & Schuster) *Last week: 10*
- 4. “*The Wish*” by Nicholas Sparks (Grand Central) *Last week: 3*
- 5. “*The Lincoln Highway*” by Amor Towles (Viking) *Last week: 4*
- 6. “*Star Wars: The Fallen Star (The High Republic)*” by Claudia Gray (Del Rey) *Last week: —*
- 7. “*Wish You Were Here*” by Jodi Picoult (Ballantine) *Last week: 3*
- 8. “*The Stranger in the Lifeboat*” by Mitch Albom (Harper) *Last week: 2*
- 9. “*The Starless Crown*” by James Rollins (Tor) *Last week: —*
- 10. “*Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone: A Novel (Outlander)*” by Diana Gabaldon (Delacorte) *Last week: 6*

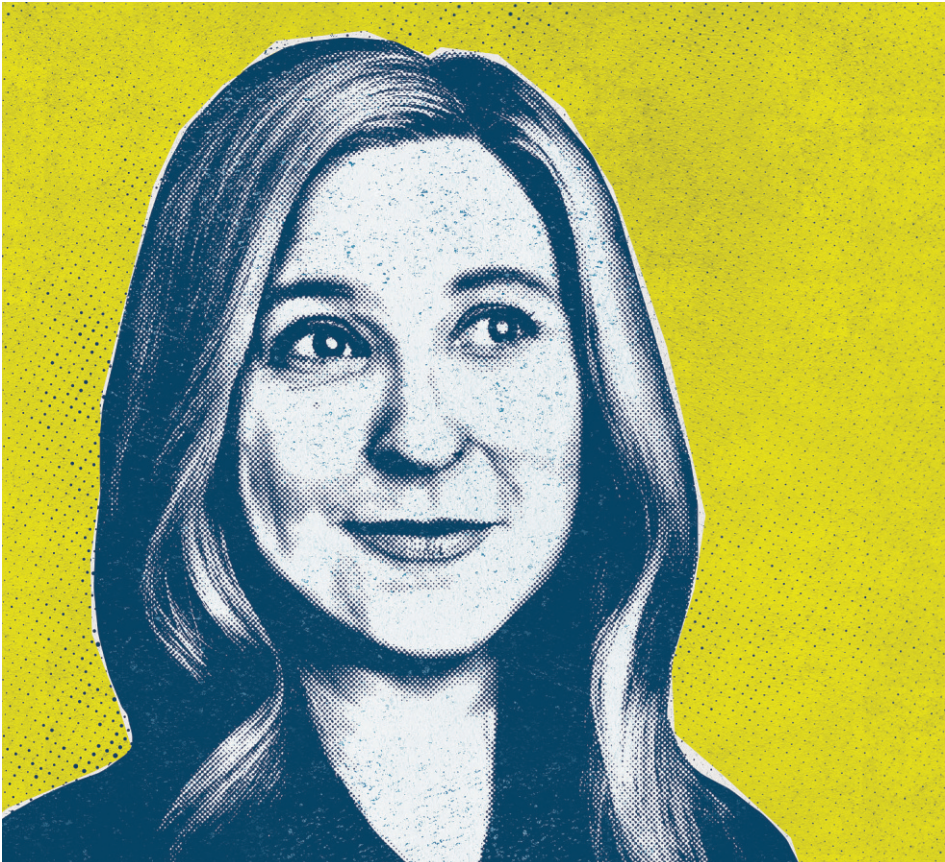
HARDCOVER NONFICTION
1. “*Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connection and the Language of Human Experience*” by Brene Brown (Random House) *Last week: 2*



- 2. “*The Real Anthony Fauci: Bill Gates, Big Pharma, and the Global War on Democracy and Public Health*” by Robert F. Kennedy Jr. (Skyhorse) *Last week: 3*
- 3. “*Unthinkable: Trauma, Truth, and the Trials of American Democracy*” by Jamie Raskin (Harper) *Last week: —*
- 4. “*The Comfortable Kitchen: 105 Laid-Back, Healthy, and Wholesome Recipes*” by Alex Snodgrass (Morrow) *Last week: 1*
- 5. “*Jesus Listens: Daily Devotional Prayers of Peace, Joy, and Hope (the NEW 365-day Prayer Book)*” by Sarah Young (Thomas Nelson) *Last week: 8*
- 6. “*Call Us What We Carry: Poems*” by Amanda Gorman (Viking) *Last week: 5*
- 7. “*The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story*” by Nikole Hannah-Jones (One World) *Last week: 4*
- 8. “*American Marxism*” by Mark R. Levin (Threshold) *Last week: 28*
- 9. “*Will*” by Will Smith (Penguin Press) *Last week: 6*
- 10. “*I’ll Start Again Monday: Break the Cycle of Unhealthy Eating Habits with Lasting Spiritual Satisfaction*” by Lysa TerKeurst (Thomas Nelson) *Last week: —*

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HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Officials: Player didn't fall before injury

No one at fault for fatal accident, letter 'setting the record straight' says

Staff reports

St. Luke's School 10th grader Teddy Balkind did not fall on the ice before succumbing to a fatal neck

injury during a game at Brunswick School in Greenwich this month, according to school and police officials.

On behalf of the Balkinds, St. Luke's Head of School Mark Davis released a letter posted on the school's website on Wednesday clarifying that Balkind didn't fall to the ice; instead, he was skating

upright and low during the junior varsity game on Jan. 6.

"During the normal course of play, another player's leg momentarily went into the air and, through no fault of anyone's, or any lack of control, his skate cut Teddy," the letter read.

"Why is this important to share? Because it's accurate and because

it emphasizes the lack of any fault. These boys were excellent skaters, playing a great and fair game when an unimaginable accident wreaked havoc."

Game play was stopped and 911 was called. The 10th grader was transported to Greenwich Hospital where he died as a result from the injury.

Hours after the incident, Greenwich Police Capt. Mark Zuccerella said Balkind, 16, fell to the ice and another player who was near him was unable to stop and collided with him.

"During the normal course of the game, a player from the other team

Turn to Hockey, Page 7

SUN

Free-agency period begins

Sun players, ex-Huskies head into offseason looking for new deals

By Alexa Philippou
Hartford Courant

After a thrilling 2021 WNBA season, the league turns the page to the fun that awaits in 2022 with free agency picking up steam this month.

Teams started negotiating with free agents on Saturday, and players can finalize deals and sign contracts and offer sheets starting Feb. 1.

Have questions about what this means for the hometown Connecticut Sun or your favorite former Huskies? Here's everything you need to know.

Connecticut Sun moves: DeWanna Bonner, Alyssa Thomas, Jasmine Thomas and Brionna Jones all are under protected veteran contracts in 2022.

Reserves Natisha Hiedeman and Beatrice Momprenier recently accepted qualifying offers extended by the team, meaning they essentially have a training camp contract but are most likely going to make the team in 2022. Stephanie Jones was extended a qualifying offer as well.

Most importantly, reigning WNBA MVP Jonquel Jones was extended a core qualifying offer, which means Connecticut now boasts exclusive negotiating rights with her.

Briann January, an All-WNBA First Team Defensive Pick in 2021, is the team's only other free agent and is unrestricted one, meaning that she is free to negotiate with any other team.

"Excited that both Natisha and Beatrice signed their qualifying offers and will return for the 2022 season," Connecticut Sun coach and general manager Curt Miller told The Courant this week. "Obviously, both played an important role off the bench for us."

The prospect of January returning to the team doesn't look good, so Hiedeman could play an even more important role for the Sun,

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The Sun will have an important decision to make on whether to keep reigning WNBA MVP Jonquel Jones. **PAUL BEATY/AP**



UConn's Olivia Nelson-Ododa, left, and UConn's Caroline Ducharme fight for a loose ball against Xavier's Mikayla Hayes in the first half at the XL Center. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL UCONN 78, XAVIER 41

Challenge accepted

Seniors propel No. 10 to easy win over Musketeers

By Alexa Philippou
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — After UConn's eight-point win over Creighton last Sunday, coach Geno

Auriemma challenged his seniors, telling them the team needed more for them, especially with Paige Bueckers sidelined until February with a knee injury.

In the two games since, including Saturday's Big East contest versus Xavier, the Huskies' seniors have done just that.

Making their impact felt in multiple phases of the game, Olivia Nelson-Ododa and Chris-

tyn Williams guided the team again to a 78-41 victory over the Musketeers at the XL Center. Freshman Caroline Ducharme continued her hot streak by contributing a game-high 20 points, scoring at least 14 points for the sixth time in the last seven games.

Williams improved her efficiency from Wednesday with 19 points on 13 shots to go along

with five rebounds, three assists and two steals, the sort of well-rounded effort Geno Auriemma has been asking of her. Nelson-Ododa was a force on the defensive end, finishing with a career-high eight blocks and five steals, plus 11 points, six rebounds and four assists.

"I'm just trying to do what I can

Turn to UConn, Page 4

NFL

Playoffs mix of familiar names and fresh faces

Half of contending teams didn't make postseason a year ago

By Ben Volin
Boston Globe

It took an extra week to get here, but the NFL playoffs have finally arrived. This year's bracket has a healthy mix of familiar names and fresh faces.

The favorites to win Super Bowl LVI are still the usuals — Aaron

Rodgers and the Packers, Tom Brady and the Buccaneers, and Patrick Mahomes and the Chiefs. Right on their heels are other teams we know well, including Mike Vrabel and the Titans and Sean McVay and the Rams.

But seven of the 14 playoff teams didn't make the field a year ago — Arizona, Cincinnati, Dallas, Las Vegas, New England, Philadelphia, and San Francisco.

Derek Carr, in his eighth season,

Turn to Playoffs, Page 7



The late show

Patriots quarterback Mac Jones (10) runs under pressure from Buffalo defensive end Jerry Hughes (55) during the first half of Saturday's wild card game. The game was not over in time for this edition, go to **courant.com/sports** for the result.



Safety Tip of the Day

Do you use a snowblower to remove snow? Remember - never run the motor in an enclosed space and always add fuel outdoors, before starting. Never add fuel when the motor is running.

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SPORTS

UP NEXT

UConn MBB: Butler (XL), Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at Butler, Thursday, 9 p.m.; Georgetown (Gampel), Jan. 25, 8:30 p.m.
UConn WBB: at Oregon, Monday, 5 p.m.; Seton Hall (Gampel), Friday, 7 p.m.; at St. John's, Jan. 23, 1 p.m.
Celtics: Pelicans, Monday, 12:30 p.m.; Hornets, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Trail Blazers, Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Knicks: Hornets, Monday, 1 p.m.; Timberwolves, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.; Pelicans, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Nets: at Cavaliers, Monday, 3 p.m.; at Wizards, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Spurs, Friday, 8:30 p.m.
UConn hockey: New Hampshire, Friday, 7 p.m.; New Hampshire, Saturday, 4 p.m.; Merrimack, Jan. 25, 7 p.m.
Bruins: Hurricanes, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Capitals, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Jets, Saturday, 3 p.m.
Rangers: Maple Leafs, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; at Hurricanes, Friday, 7 p.m.; Coyotes, Saturday, 7 p.m.
Wolf Pack: Toronto, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Hershey, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Hershey, Jan. 23, 3 p.m.

SPORTS ON TV
BASKETBALL
6 a.m.: Tennessee at Kentucky. (Taped) ESPN
7 a.m.: Florida State at Syracuse. (Taped) ACC
8 a.m.: Arkansas at LSU. (Taped) ESPN
10 a.m.: Oklahoma at TCU. (Taped) ESPN
12 p.m.: Women's College } Louisville at Boston College. (Live) ACC
12 p.m.: Women's College } Saint Louis at Dayton. (Live) CBSSN
12 p.m.: Butler at Villanova. (Live) FS1
1 p.m.: Women's College } Vanderbilt at LSU. (Live) SEC
1 p.m.: Cincinnati at Wichita State. (Live) ESPN
2 p.m.: Women's College } Georgia Tech at Miami. (Live) ACC
2 p.m.: Women's College } Villanova at Marquette. (Live) CBSSN
2 p.m.: Women's College } Indiana at Purdue. (Live) FS1
3 p.m.: Women's College } Mississippi State at Ole Miss. (Live) SEC
3 p.m.: Women's College } Kentucky at Tennessee. (Live) ESPN
3 p.m.: Women's College } South Florida at UCF. (Live) ESPN
3 p.m.: Salt Lake City Stars at Birmingham Squadron. (Live) NBA
3:30 p.m.: Women's College } South Carolina at Arkansas. (Live) ESPN2
4 p.m.: Women's College } Duke at NC State. (Live) ACC
4 p.m.: Women's College } American at Bucknell. (Live) CBSSN
4:30 p.m.: Georgetown at St. John's. (Live) FOX
5 p.m.: Women's College } Auburn at Texas A&M. (Live) SEC
5 p.m.: Women's College } Michigan at Maryland. (Live) ESPN
6 p.m.: Women's College } Clemson at Virginia Tech. (Live) ACC
6 p.m.: Holy Cross at Colgate. (Live) CBSSN
7 p.m.: Gills St. Bernard's (N.J.) vs. Westtown (Pa.). (Live) ESPN2
8 p.m.: Golden State Warriors at Minnesota Timberwolves. (Live) SPRTNET
9 p.m.: LA Lumiere (Ind.) vs. AZ Compass (Ariz.). (Live) ESPN2
12 a.m.: Vanderbilt at Georgia. (Taped) ESPN
1:30 a.m.: Georgetown at St. John's. (Same-day Tape) FS1
EQUESTRIAN
4:30 p.m.: America's Day at the Races. (Live) FS1
FOOTBALL
1 p.m.: Philadelphia Eagles at Tampa Bay Buccaneers. (Live) FOX
4:30 p.m.: San Francisco 49ers at Dallas Cowboys. (Live) CBS
7:30 p.m.: Duke's Mayo Bowl -- North Carolina vs South Carolina. (Taped) SEC
8:15 p.m.: Pittsburgh Steelers at Kansas City Chiefs. (Live) NBC
8:15 p.m.: Fútbol Americano NFL Pittsburgh Steelers vs Kansas City Chiefs. (Live) TELE
1:30 a.m.: Georgia Tech at Virginia. (Taped) ACC
3 a.m.: CFP Semifinal at the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Cincinnati vs Alabama. (Taped) SEC

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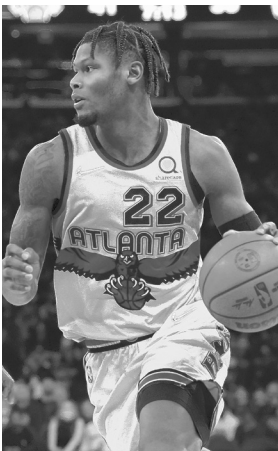
How to assess the trade for Reddish

By Stefan Bondy
New York Daily News

ATLANTA — For the Knicks, the acquisition of Cam Reddish broke one streak and maintained another.
And both decisions could easily be justified.
By dealing Kevin Knox to the Hawks for Reddish, the franchise assured it won't have re-signed a first-round draft pick off his rookie deal since (drum roll please) Charlie Ward. That was decades ago. But it also became clear that Knox, long before the Reddish trade, wasn't going to break

that streak.
Knox was tossed from the rotation soon after Tom Thibodeau took over, and never quite displayed the motor or intensity necessary to play at a high level defensively. Chosen eighth overall in 2018, he joined a long list of Knicks draft busts.
Then, by including a 2022 pick for Reddish, the Knicks snapped an eight-year streak of not trading a future first rounder. Neither Phil Jackson nor Steve Mills went down that road as executives, preaching the significance of asset accumulation and maintaining flexibility in the wake of the organization's prior short-sighted decisions (ahem, Isiah Thomas). The last time the Knicks traded a first rounder might give fans PTSD. It was for Andrea Bargnani in 2013.
But this pick for Reddish was heavily protected. It was acquired from the Hornets in last year's draft and can't fall in the top 18 in 2022, or the top 16 in 2023, or the top-14 in 2024 or 2025.
So it's a low-risk trade for a player (Reddish) with high upside. Still, according to Hawks GM Travis Schlenk, it was the best return an exhaustive search

uncovered for Reddish, who carries enough defensive deficiencies to question whether he'll translate into a winning player.
"My job is to get the best value I can for Cam Reddish, we certainly canvased the league. I had conversations, some in-depth conversations with a lot of different teams," Schlenk said. "We feel like this pick from Charlotte, even though it does have protections, my analytics group said there's a 90% chance over the next four years we get this pick, so we feel this is a real first-round pick. It's not a fake first-round pick."



Atlanta Hawks forward Cam Reddish drives past the Knicks' Kemba Walker on Dec. 25 in New York. AP

METS



Mets pitcher Turk Wendell cools off with a splash of water during a 1999 playoff game. KEITH TORRIE/NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

‘I could play the game’

Wendell on origins of licorice cheek, baseball and more

By Matthew Roberson
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Nearly 25 years ago, the Mets made a late-season trade to shore up their bullpen. While that deal didn't bring the team a postseason berth, it did bring them one of the most colorful characters in club history.
Turk Wendell arrived in August 1997 and was immediately useful. But Wendell quickly became known for everything but his pitching, earning the dreaded label of "distraction." For years, the term had been used to describe players that drew extra attention for run-ins with the law or their inflammatory postgame comments.
For Wendell, it was because he was chewing black licorice on the mound, brushing his teeth in the dugout and wearing a necklace made from the teeth of animals that he had personally killed. Calling in from the farm in Iowa where his life has gone largely unaffected by the pandemic, Wendell recalled the feelings he drew from other people.
"Players would always tell me, 'Man I couldn't stand you. I hated you,' and then 'But I'm so glad you're on my team now.' To me, that was a compliment," Wendell said. "They also thought I was this loud, crazy party guy. I remember talking with Jerry Seinfeld after I retired. He just looked at me and goes, 'God, you're nothing like I thought you would be.'"
Wendell has never had a sip of alcohol in his life. Despite a life in baseball, he's also never chewed tobacco.
"Ironically, when I got

to the big leagues with the Cubs, there was no candy or soda in the clubhouse, but they had Old Style [beer] on tap," Wendell said.
He says the cheek full of licorice started because he wanted to participate in some dugout hijinks.
"Guys in college would play this game where they'd chew tobacco and spit on your shoes," he remembered. "I didn't play the game because I didn't chew tobacco, so I thought, I like black licorice, it looks cool, it looks like chew. Then I could play the game."
The kid spraying licorice spittle at Quinnipiac University was also a pretty good pitcher. But between his collegiate career and later ascension with the Mets, there were certain people who both guided him toward self-fulfillment and asked him to kindly tone things down.
"[Cubs manager] Jim Rigglesman pulled me aside in 1995, on the first day of spring training and said he didn't want me doing any of that stuff anymore," Wendell said of his eccentricities. "He wanted people to focus on my arm, and he thought I was a hell of a pitcher. That helped me a lot — not at first, because I thought this guy was raining on my parade — but that helped me mature as a player and person."
It wasn't just the excessive candy consumption and in-game devotion to dental hygiene, though. Wendell was also running five to eight miles before every game. Shockingly, some of the people whose jobs depended on him were less than thrilled with that part of Wendell's routine. But living the life of a reliever taught Wendell important lessons

in preparation, even if they perplexed general manager Steve Phillips.
"He pulled me aside and said, 'Don't you think you're doing too much?' Wendell told the Daily News. "I said to him, 'Wow, Steve. Most of the time you're kicking guys in the ass telling them they need to work harder. You're telling me to do less?' I knew my body and what I needed to do because let's face it, if I got to play it was usually for about ten minutes. I had so much energy that I needed to tire myself out so I didn't act like a total lunatic on the mound."
This presented one of baseball's most fascinating case studies in "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." As Wendell was becoming famous for the licorice, toothbrush and other superstitions like bunny hopping over the foul line, he was also one of the better bullpen arms in the National League. From 1998 to 2000, the right-hander had a 3.20 ERA in 245 innings and held batters to a .220 average, teaming up with Armando Benitez and John Franco to give the Mets a three-headed monster at the end of games.
The Mets won a lot, too. They went 88-74 in 1998, made the National League Championship Series in 1999 and went to the World Series in 2000. Wendell was heavily involved, often throwing more than an inning at a time and pitching multiple days in a row. As the Mets made a run for a wild card spot in '98 that ultimately fell short, Wendell famously pitched nine games in a row during September. That will assuredly never happen again.
"During that span of nine straight games, Franco and Al Leiter were coming up to me going, 'Dude, how do you feel today? You better

tell them you can't pitch or you're going to blow out your arm,'" Wendell smiled. "I'd tell them, 'Hey, I get paid to play when they tell me to play. I'm ready to go.' And I did feel really good. The stats speak for themselves. Now if guys pitch three days in a row they take a week off."
Besides his daily deployment, the other major difference between Wendell and modern relievers is velocity. He did not throw very hard or strike very many guys out. In his 11-year career, Wendell fanned 18.3% of the hitters he saw. In 2021, the league average for relievers was 24%. When asked for his thoughts on every pitcher throwing gas now, Wendell offered a theory.
"The key to that sentence is throw. They don't teach guys to pitch anymore," he asserted. "It's like a lost art. Guys like (Greg) Maddux or (Tom) Glavine wouldn't get looked at twice anymore just because of their physique. You know what? I don't care if you throw 125. They all get hit. You've gotta have some inclination of knowing how to pitch."
Nowadays, Wendell still finds ways to stay up to date on baseball. He says he regularly tunes into Mets games, but he also has a son, Wyatt, who matriculated from a junior college in Iowa to Purdue's baseball team. Even as he jokes about relievers today being heroes for merely pitching three days in a row, Wendell also knows that protecting his son's arm is no laughing matter.
"I worry about his arm and protecting his arm," Wendell admitted. "I always tell him, you need to make sure you watch out for you. If you're sore or hurt or something you have to speak up."

BRUINS 4, PREDATORS 3 OT

Hall's OT goal lifts hot Bruins

Associated Press

BOSTON — Taylor Hall scored off a rebound of David Pastrnak's shot 1:41 into overtime, lifting the red-hot Bruins to a 4-3 win over the Western Conference-leading Predators on Saturday afternoon.
Pastrnak took a shot from the right circle and the puck slipped behind Saros, where Hall poked it in for the game-winner.
Brad Marchand, Craig Smith and Mike Reilly also scored for the Bruins, who won their fifth straight and are 8-1 since New Year's Day. Linus Ullmark made 26 saves.
Colton Sissons, Luke Kunin and Ramon Josi each had a goal for Nashville, which lost for only the fourth time in regulation in its last 18 games (13-4-1). Juuse Saros made 40 saves for the Predators.
Marchand's power-play goal — a rising wrist shot over Saros' glove into the top right corner from the right circle — had pushed Boston ahead 3-2 just 3:50 into the third period, but Josi tied it after a turnover by Pastrnak.
Marchand reached 20 goals for the ninth straight season and for the second time this week had a bloody nose and scored. On Monday, he suffered a broken nose in a win at Washington but scored twice after the injury.
In the second period on Saturday, Marchand took what appeared to be an inadvertent elbow from Josi to the nose along the boards, sending the Boston forward dazed to the ice. He had gauze stuffed up his nostrils on the bench but returned for his next shift.
Trailing 2-0, the Predators scored late in the opening period and tied it when Kunin slipped a low wrist shot by Ullmark 7:32 into the second period.
Sissons had sliced Nashville's deficit in half when he skated across from the left circle into the slot before firing a wrister into the net.
Smith gave the Bruins a 1-0 lead 3:20 into the game against his former team when he beat Saros with a wrister over the glove from the right circle.
Reilly collected a cross-ice pass from Erik Haula, cut across the crease and lifted a backhand into the net 4:17 later.
In and out: Predators defenseman Mark Borowiecki returned after missing the previous game with an undisclosed lower-body injury and winger Yakov Trenin was back after missing two games due to COVID-19 protocol, but Filip Forsberg was sidelined in protocol for his fourth straight.
For Boston, defensemen Matt Grzelcyk and Connor Clifton both remain in protocol and were out. Forwards Nick Foligno and Trent Frederic both remained sidelined with undisclosed injuries, but defenseman Derek Forbort returned from protocol.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Brooklyn	26	15	.634	—
Philadelphia	24	17	.585	2
Toronto	21	19	.525	4½
New York	21	21	.500	5
Boston	21	22	.488	6

SOUTHEAST				
	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	27	15	.643	—
Charlotte	23	20	.535	4½
Washington	22	20	.524	5
Atlanta	17	24	.415	9½
Orlando	8	35	.186	19½

CENTRAL				
	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago	27	13	.675	—
Milwaukee	27	18	.600	2½
Cleveland	25	18	.581	3
Indiana	15	28	.349	13½
Detroit	10	31	.244	17½

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Memphis	30	15	.667	—
Dallas	23	19	.548	5½
New Orleans	16	26	.381	12½
San Antonio	15	27	.357	13½
Houston	12	32	.273	17½

NORTHWEST				
	W	L	PCT	GB
Utah	28	14	.667	—
Denver	21	19	.525	6
Minnesota	20	22	.476	8
Portland	16	25	.390	11½
Oklahoma City	14	27	.341	13½

PACIFIC				
	W	L	PCT	GB
Phoenix	32	9	.780	—
Golden State	31	11	.738	1½
L.A. Lakers	21	21	.500	11½
L.A. Clippers	21	22	.488	12
Sacramento	18	27	.400	16

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Toronto 103, Milwaukee 96
Portland at Washington, late
New Orleans at Brooklyn, late
New York at Atlanta, late
Cleveland at Oklahoma City, late
Philadelphia at Miami, late
Chicago at Boston, late
L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, late
L.A. Lakers at Denver, late
Orlando at Dallas, late

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Phoenix at Detroit, 1p.m.
Houston at Sacramento, 6p.m.
Golden State at Minnesota, 8p.m.
Utah at Denver, 8p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES
New Orleans at Boston, 12:30p.m.
Charlotte at New York, 1p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 2p.m.
Brooklyn at Cleveland, 3p.m.
Chicago at Memphis, 3:30p.m.
Indiana at L.A. Clippers, 3:30p.m.
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 6p.m.
Philadelphia at Orlando, 7p.m.
Toronto at Miami, 7:30p.m.
Oklahoma City at Dallas, 8:30p.m.
Phoenix at San Antonio, 8:30p.m.
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 10:30p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Philadelphia 111, Boston 99
Phoenix 112, Indiana 94
Orlando 116, Charlotte 109
Detroit 103, Toronto 87
Golden State 138, Chicago 96
Miami 124, Atlanta 118
Cleveland 114, San Antonio 109
Dallas 112, Memphis 85
Sacramento 126, Houston 114

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS				
Through Friday				
SCORING AVERAGE				
Player, TEAM	G	FG	FT	Pts AVG
Durant, BKN	35	375	225	1041 29.7
James, LAL	30	326	133	872 29.1
Antetokounmpo, MIL	35	353	502	58 28.5
Young, ATL	37	348	225	1020 27.6
Embiid, PHI	30	257	259	811 27.0
Curry, GS	39	331	170	1024 26.3
DeRozan, CHI	37	343	241	952 25.7
Mitchell, BOS	38	355	142	976 25.7
Jokic, DEN	35	350	142	894 25.5
Tatum, UTA	39	344	200	996 25.5
LaVine, CHI	38	343	150	948 24.9
Towns, MIN	35	307	167	861 24.6
Morant, MEM	32	290	153	781 24.4
Beal, WAS	34	309	142	816 24.0
Lillard, POR	29	222	159	695 24.0
Booker, PHO	34	286	142	806 23.7
Ingram, NO	33	276	149	756 22.9
Edwards, MIN	36	297	101	814 22.6
Harden, BKN	36	235	256	814 22.6
Gilgeous-Alexander, OKC	36	262	719	809 22.5
VanVleet, TOR	36	273	108	794 22.1
Fox, SAC	41	322	181	863 21.0
Herro, MIA	36	278	94	747 20.8
Bridges, CHA	41	303	118	802 19.6
Garland, CLE	37	269	86	721 19.5
Ball, CHA	37	260	96	716 19.4
Middleton, MIL	32	206	126	615 19.2
Murray, SA	37	296	62	707 19.1
Randle, NY	40	275	140	759 19.0
Russell, MIN	32	213	83	607 19.0
Sabonis, IND	42	294	175	795 18.9
Westbrook, LAL	42	297	149	785 18.7
Powell, POR	34	211	137	634 18.6
Wiggins, GS	38	263	97	708 18.6
Valanciunas, NO	39	274	132	720 18.5
Haliburton, MIL	33	245	56	606 18.5
Harris, PHI	32	222	106	586 18.3
Rozier, CHA	34	229	63	621 18.3
Bogdanovic, UTA	41	250	128	735 17.9
Bane, MEM	44	292	60	772 17.5
Collins, ATL	36	235	107	626 17.4
Wood, HOU	41	263	121	715 17.4
Hayward, CHA	42	263	124	726 17.3
Poole, GS	36	213	98	616 17.1
Allen, CLE	36	247	108	603 16.8
Maxey, PHI	34	216	90	570 16.8
Barrett, NY	35	210	94	582 16.6
Dort, OKC	37	209	104	613 16.6
Oubre, CHA	40	243	62	664 16.6
Jackson, LAC	39	240	60	638 16.4

3-POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE				
Player, TEAM	3FG	3FGA	PCT	
Tucker, MIA	51	108	.472	
Gordon, HOU	89	195	.456	
Collins, ATL	49	110	.445	
Johnson, SA	62	140	.443	
Kennard, LAC	97	220	.441	
Johnson, PHO	99	226	.438	
Muscala, OKC	56	128	.438	
Portis, MIL	69	159	.434	
Haliburton, SAC	88	205	.429	
Conley, UTA	88	209	.426	
Strus, MIA	83	195	.426	
Wiggins, GS	85	200	.425	
Barnes, SAC	84	198	.424	
Ball, CHI	110	260	.423	
McLemore, POR	53	126	.421	
Millis, BKN	128	304	.421	
Bane, MEM	128	305	.420	
Curry, PHI	85	203	.419	
Towns, MIN	80	191	.419	
Forbes, SA	63	151	.417	
Williams, BOS	53	127	.417	

ODDS

COLLEGE BASKETBALL				
SUNDAY FAVORITE LINE UNDERDOG				
at Ohio State	9	PennState		
at Villanova	15	Butler		
at Wichita State	1	Cincinnati		
at Iona	12	Niagara		
Iowa	5½	at Minnesota		
at Manhattan	4	Canisius		
at Quinnipiac	1	Fairfield		
Louisiana Tech 12½	at So. Mississippi			
at St. John's	10½	Georgetown		
Bradley	2	at Illinois State		

NBA FAVORITE LINE O/U UNDERDOG				
at Detroit	OFF	(OFF)	Phoenix	
at Sacramento	OFF	(OFF)	Houston	
at Denver	off	(off)	Utah	
at Minnesota	off	(off)	Golden State	

NFL WILD CARD SUNDAY				
at Tampa Bay	8½	(46½)	Philadelphia	
at Dallas	3	(51)	San Francisco	
at Kansas City	12½	(46)	Pittsburgh	

MONDAY FAVORITE LINE UNDERDOG				
at LA Rams	3½	(49½)	Arizona	

NHL FAVORITE LINE UNDERDOG				
at Washington	-200	Vancouver	+164	

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE									
ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
Florida	38	26	7	5	57	158	111		
Tampa Bay	39	25	9	5	55	132	112		
Toronto	35	23	9	3	49	117	88		
Boston	35	22	11	2	46	111	90		
Detroit	38	16	17	5	37	101	128		
Buffalo	36	11	19	6	28	96	126		
Ottawa	30	10	18	2	22	83	108		
Montreal	36	7	24	5	19	76	131		
METRO.	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
Carolina	35	25	8	2	52	119	80		
N.Y. Rangers	38	24	10	4	52	110	94		
Washington	38	21	8	9	51	127	104		
Pittsburgh	36	21	10	5	47	118	96		
Columbus	36	17	18	1	35	116	131		
Philadelphia	36	13	16	7	33	92	122		
New Jersey	37	14	18	5	33	107	129		
N.Y. Islanders	30	11	13	6	28	67	84		

WESTERN CONFERENCE									
CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
Nashville	39	24	12	3	51	121	107		
Colorado	34	23	8	3	49	147	112		
St. Louis	37	22	10	5	49	128	99		
Minnesota	34	22	10	2	46	129	105		
Winnipeg	34	17	12	5	39	102	99		
Dallas	34	18	14	2	38	98	103		
Chicago	37	14	18	5	33	90	123		
Arizona	35	8	23	4	20	77	133		
PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
Vegas	39	23	14	2	48	138	117		
Anaheim	40	19	14	7	45	120	117		
Los Angeles	37	19	13	5	43	106	96		
San Jose	38	20	17	1	41	105	117		
Calgary	34	17	11	6	40	105	87		
Edmonton	34	18	14	2	38	113	111		
Vancouver	37	16	18	3	35	94	108		
Seattle	36	10	22	4	24	98	133		

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Carolina 4, Vancouver 1
Boston 4, Nashville 3(OT)
Washington 2, N.Y. Islanders 0
Florida 9, Columbus 2
Buffalo at Detroit, late
Dallas at Tampa Bay, late
N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, late
Toronto at St. Louis, late
Anaheim at Chicago, late
Colorado at Arizona, late
Los Angeles at Seattle, late
Ottawa at Edmonton, late
Pittsburgh at San Jose, late
New Jersey at Montreal, ppd
Ottawa at Winnipeg, ppd
Vegas at Calgary, ppd

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Vancouver at Washington, 2p.m.
Edmonton at Winnipeg, ppd

MONDAY'S GAMES
Detroit at Buffalo, 1p.m.
Minnesota at Colorado, 3p.m.
Los Angeles at San Jose, 4p.m.
Montreal at Arizona, 4p.m.
Chicago at Seattle, 5p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30p.m.
Nashville at St. Louis, 8p.m.
Pittsburgh at Vegas, 10p.m.
New Jersey at Toronto, ppd

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Buffalo at Ottawa, 7p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, 7p.m.
Winnipeg at Washington, 7p.m.
Carolina at Boston, 8p.m.
Vancouver at Nashville, 8p.m.
Montreal at Dallas, 8:30p.m.
Florida at Calgary, 9p.m.
Tampa Bay at Los Angeles, 10:30p.m.
Columbus at N.Y. Islanders, ppd
Detroit at Philadelphia, ppd
Chicago at Edmonton, ppd

SCORING LEADERS				
Through Friday				
Skater, TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS
Connor McDavid, EDM	33	19	34	53
Leon Draisaitl, EDM	34	26	27	53
Alex Ovechkin, WSH	37	24	28	52
Jonathan Huberdeau, FLA	37	14	37	51
Nazem Kadri, COL	31	13	35	48
Steven Stamkos, TB	38	18	27	45
Kirill Kaprizov, MIN	33	14	28	42
Mikko Rantanen, COL	31	17	24	41
Brad Marchand, BOS	29	19	22	41
Victor Hedman, TB	39	7	32	39
Tom Meier, SJ	33	15	24	39
Johnny Gaudreau, CGY	34	15	24	39
Roman Josi, NSH	36	12	26	38
Auston Matthews, TOR	32	24	14	38
4 tied with 37 pts.				

TENNIS

SYDNEY TENNIS CLASSIC
Saturday at Sydney Olympic Park, Sydney, outdoors-hardcourt
MEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP
1#Aslan Karatsev d.
Andy Murray, 6-3, 6-3.

WOMEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP
#5Barbora Badosa d.
#3Barbora Krejickova, 6-3, 4-6, 7-6(4).

ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL 2
Saturday at Memorial Drive Tennis Centre, Australia, outdoors-hard
MEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP
Thanasi Kokkinakis d.
Arthur Rinderknech, 6-7(6), 7-6(5), 6-3.

2022 AUSTRALIAN OPEN SEEDS

- WOMEN SINGLES**
1. Ashleigh Barty (Australia)
2. Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)
3. Garbiñe Muguruzza (Spain)
4. Barbora Krejickova (Czech Republic)
5. Maria Sakkari (Greece)
6. Anett Kontaveit (Estonia)
7. Iga Swiatek (Poland)
8. Paula Badosa (Spain)
9. Ons Jabeur (Tunisia)
10. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (Russia)
11. Sofia Kenin (U.S.)
12. Elena Rybakina (Kazakhstan)
13. Naomi Osaka (Japan)
14. Simona Halep (Romania)
15. Elina Svitolina (Ukraine)
16. Angelique Kerber (Germany)
17. Emma Raducanu (Great Britain)
18. Coco Gauff (U.S

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Tuesday: Butler at XL Center, 7 p.m., FS1

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Monday: at Oregon, 5 p.m., ESPN2

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BIG EAST ROUNDUP

Late free throw lifts Marquette

Associated Press

Marquette showed it doesn't need to shoot at a ridiculously high percentage to beat a quality opponent.

Greg Elliott made a tiebreaking free throw with 1.7 seconds left, and Marquette withstood a long second-half drought to beat No. 20 Seton Hall 73-72 on Saturday in Milwaukee for its fourth straight victory.

Darryl Morsell scored 26 points and Justin Lewis added 18 for Marquette, which had won its last three games by shooting 55.9% but needed to fight through adversity to survive this one. The Golden Eagles made just one basket in the first 8 1/2 minutes of the second half to squander an 11-point lead before rallying late.

"The best thing for our team is our guys played through some challenges, some adversity, fought through a little bit of frustration when the ball wasn't going in and continued to guard," Marquette coach Shaka Smart said. The Golden Eagles also benefited from a fortunate call.

The game was tied at 72-all when Elliott leaned forward around the 3-point arc and drew a foul on Seton Hall's Bryce Aiken. As Seton Hall coach Kevin Willard expressed his displeasure with the call, officials looked over replays and determined Elliott was fouled while attempting a 2-point shot.

Willard declined to comment on the call after the game.

"The ball found its way to Greg," Smart said. "Greg did a good job creating and did a good job getting fouled."

Elliott made the first free throw to put Marquette ahead. His second attempt bounced off the rim — Smart said after the game the miss was intentional — and Seton Hall's Jared Rhoden rebounded and called timeout with 1.5 seconds left.

Seton Hall (11-5, 2-4) initially appeared to commit a violation by running up and down the baseline before attempting an inbounds pass but was given a second chance. Smart said it was because an official said beforehand that the Seton Hall player could take those steps on the baseline.

Xavier 80, Creighton 73: At Cincinnati, Colby Jones scored 14 of his 16 points in the second half as No. 17 Xavier rallied. Xavier (13-3, 3-2 Big East) had six players in double figures scoring, helping the Musketeers bounce back from a tough loss on Wednesday to No. 14 Villanova with another big second-half comeback. "That was an absolute grinder," Xavier coach Travis Steele said. "I tell our guys every game in this league is going to be a war. I thought we had a great response after Villanova." Zach Freemante, who Steele challenged following the loss to Villanova, recorded his first double-double of the season with 13 points and 11 boards. He iced the game with a dunk in the closing seconds.

STATE ROUNDUP

Central loses at LIU; Yale wins

Staff Reports

The Central Connecticut State men's basketball team shut down LIU, not allowing a field goal for the first seven minutes of the game, before allowing a game-changing run that led to a 83-61 Northeast Conference loss at Brooklyn, N.Y.

After the early shutout, Ty Flowers led the Sharks on a 21-0 run to close the opening half resulting in a 39-27 deficit for CCSU.

Freshman Andre Snoddy had a career-high 18 points and added 10 rebounds for Central (4-13, 2-3). Ian Krishnan also had 18 points for CCSU. Flowers led the Sharks with a game-high 30 points.

Yale 96, Cornell 69: At New Haven, Isaiah Kelly scored a game-high 18 points and added six rebounds as the Bulldogs finally opened their Ivy League season with a win.

Matt Knowingled added 17 points and eight rebounds and Jalen Gabbidon had 13 as five Yale players scored in double figures. Azar Swain had 12 and Mattheu Cotton 10 as 10 players scored for the Bulldogs (7-8, 1-0).

Yale had its first three Ivy games postponed due to COVID issues.

UConn

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for my team at that moment, whether it's getting a defensive stop or guarding somebody in the post that needs to be guarded well, or passing well in offense or getting people open, setting screens, different things like that," Nelson-Ododa said.

With Williams and Nelson-Ododa on the rise and Evina Westbrook bringing an offensive spark off the bench, the Huskies look closer to formulating a sans-Bueckers identity: strong defense and an offense led by not just Ducharme, but the seniors as well.

"If you're going to keep a senior on the team, they've got to be productive. Otherwise you're wasting your time. You might as well just have four more freshmen," Auriemma said. "So to be a senior, it comes with a lot of responsibility. You're here for a reason, and you have to be productive. So what is it that you're going to bring every game that contributes to us winning? And then we have to expect it and we have to get it every single night."

UConn's offense was hot and cold at times Saturday, but the defense had another solid outing, forcing 24 Xavier turnovers and holding the Musketeers to 27% shooting. Making her second straight start, sophomore Nika Muhl helped set the tone on that end of the floor, ultimately coming away with two points, six rebounds, five assists, four steals and a block.

"That's been a point of emphasis in practice, just getting after it on defense and staying locked in," Nelson-Ododa said. "[Auriemma has] really made that a huge point for us and making us realize that's what converts into good offense and gets us going. That's been something that we've been working on throughout the course of the season, but I think it's really clicking for us now."

UConn (9-3, 4-0) scored the first 11 points of the game and led by as many as 17 in the first. Williams missed her first shot, a 3, but made her next four attempts to finish the period with 10 points. Nelson-Ododa made her presence known inside with her defense and rebounding, while Ducharme rattled off nine early points as well.

Similar to the Butler game, UConn's suffocating defense caused fits for Xavier, forcing eight first-quarter turnovers, but the Musketeers (6-9, 1-5) exploited the Huskies in transition as the quarter went on to get a few buckets.

The Huskies were sluggish offensively to start the second quarter, missing all but one of their first eight shots. They found some life in transition when Williams hit Ducharme twice for the score, the first one a layup and the second a 3, to go up 20. Both baskets were made possible by Nelson-Ododa's



Xavier's Nia Clark, left, dives for a loose ball against UConn's Aaliyah Edwards in the second half at the XL Center. UConn won 78-41. CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

UConn 78, Xavier 41										
Xavier	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT			
Harris	25	4-11	4-4	2	1	1	12			
Satterfield	23	2-6	0-0	6	4	1	4			
Townsend	10	2-5	0-0	2	0	2	4			
Beeler	26	1-4	0-0	1	2	0	2			
Scarlett	23	1-9	0-0	5	0	1	2			
Hayes	19	4-9	2-2	4	0	2	10			
Clark	23	2-7	0-0	3	1	1	5			
Calhoun	13	1-7	0-0	2	2	0	2			
Prenger	17	0-2	0-0	3	0	2	0			
Woods	11	0-3	0-0	0	0	0	0			
Harkey	10	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0			
TOTALS	-	17-64	6-6	40	10	10	41			

Three-point goals: 1-9, 11.1 (Clark 1-3, Woods 0-1, Harris 0-2, Scarlett 0-3). FG pct.: 26.6. FT pct.: 100. Team rebounds: 40. Turnovers: 24 (Clark 7, Beeler 6, Team 3, Harris 2, Satterfield 2, Hayes 2, Scarlett, Woods). Blocks: 2 (Hayes, Clark). Steals: 5 (Clark 2, Scarlett, Prenger, Woods).

UConn	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT
Ducharme	32	6-17	4-4	7	5	3	20
Williams	37	7-13	2-3	5	3	1	19
Nelson-Ododa	28	5-10	1-3	6	4	2	11
Juhasz	18	1-3	2-4	8	1	1	4
Muhl	24	1-4	0-0	6	5	1	2
Gabriel	10	4-5	1-2	5	0	1	9
Edwards	25	3-3	0-0	3	2	2	6
Westbrook	21	2-6	0-0	3	4	2	5
DeBerry	5	1-3	0-0	0	0	1	2
TOTALS	-	30-64	10-16	45	24	14	78

Three-point goals: 8-25, 32.0 (Ducharme 4-10, Williams 3-7, Westbrook 1-3, Nelson-Ododa 0-1, Juhasz 0-1, Muhl 0-3). FG pct.: 46.9. FT pct.: 62.5. Team rebounds: 2. Turnovers: 17 (Ducharme 3, Nelson-Ododa 3, Edwards 3, Muhl 2, DeBerry 2, Williams, Juhasz, Gabriel, Westbrook). Blocks: 15 (Nelson-Ododa 8, DeBerry 4, Juhasz, Muhl, Westbrook). Steals: 16 (Nelson-Ododa 5, Ducharme 4, Muhl 4, Williams 2, Westbrook).

Xavier	13	10	6	12	-	41
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defense on the other end.

Ducharme didn't have one of her more efficient games, scoring her 20 points on 17 shots, but her knack for hitting big baskets and ability to contribute in multiple areas (she also had seven rebounds, five assists and four steals) continues to stand out.

"There's times when you forget that she's a freshman out there," Auriemma said. "She looks a little bit more mature than your

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who are still chasing their first championship after making at least the WNBA semifinals each of the past three seasons. (They were one game short of a title in 2019).

Regardless of how it pans out, Miller is eager to see how Hiedeman puts it all together in Year 4.

"In my experience, the biggest growth during my tenure in the league is watching players in between their third and fourth league year," Miller said. "So I'm excited with how Natisha's currently playing in Russia, and I look forward to what her fourth year looks like in our league."

Will WNBA MVP Jonquel Jones return?: The Sun, which earned the No. 1 overall seed in the WNBA playoffs before falling in the semifinals to eventual champs Chicago, have faced a huge question this offseason: Will Jonquel Jones return?

The Sun took a step in trying to secure Jonquel Jones' place in Connecticut by offering her the core qualifying offer of a one-year super max deal worth \$228,094. In doing so, she can sign the one-year deal or negotiate a multiyear contract. After establishing herself as the best player in the league in 2021, a dominance she continues to prove overseas, it's fair to assume Jones would demand a multi-year super max deal — if not in Connecticut, then elsewhere, in which case the Sun would get a lot in return for her.

The core qualifying offer does not mean she'll for sure return to the Sun. She could still depart the team via a sign-and-trade deal. Natasha Howard was cored by the Seattle Storm before being traded to the New York Liberty in 2021. Tina Charles was cored by the Liberty before being traded to the Washington Mystics in 2020. Same with Skylar Diggins-Smith by the Dallas Wings prior to her trade to the Phoenix Mercury. But For Sun fans, this is a hopeful first

step in bringing Jones back and keeping the big three of her, Bonner and Alyssa Thomas intact.

What happens to Briann January?: If Jonquel Jones stays in Connecticut, the Sun won't be able to afford unrestricted free agent Briann January, a defensive stalwart for the squad since arriving from Phoenix in 2020.

Regardless, Connecticut may still want to look for a more offensively dynamic guard in free agency or the WNBA draft.

The Sun currently have the final pick of the first round. If Jones comes back and is paid the super max, the Sun would only be able to pay a less experienced player barring any major trades or salary cap gymnastics.

Miller is limited in what he can say publicly about the team's free agency quest.

"My philosophy remains that offense is spacing and spacing is offense," Miller said. "And with some of the elite post players in the league on our roster, 3-point shooting and the ability to continue to space for floor remains a priority for myself in this free agency and consistently on our team."

What former UConn players are free agents?: Sue Bird: The four-time champion with the Seattle Storm already announced she's returning to the WNBA for one more year. Though not official, it's all but guaranteed the unrestricted free agent, considered to be one of the greatest players in WNBA history, will end her career where she started it — with the Storm.

Breanna Stewart: Stewart is an unrestricted free agent, but based on what Stewart has said in the past, she seems to envision herself remaining in Seattle for the foreseeable future.

Tina Charles: In 2020, Charles departed New York for Washington in hopes of winning her first WNBA title. But Between the COVID-19 pandemic and a slew of injuries among her teammates, the former MVP is still chasing that dream. With

regard to her status as an unrestricted free agent in 2022, Charles told the Washington Post in September, "I haven't thought that far. I just know I need to win a championship before I retire. Obviously, some decisions are going to have to be made, and I have to look into everything. I'm thankful for my year here and just to see how they do things, and [that] will definitely help moving forward. You definitely sit back and see what happens. You just never know. This is a great organization and how they treat their people. We'll see what happens."

Stefanie Dolson: Fresh off winning Olympic 3x3 gold and a WNBA title, one would think Dolson's stock has never been higher. But the Chicago Sky face a tough free agency situation with Finals MVP Kahleah Copper and dynamic duo Allie Quigley and Courtney Vandersloot all free agents. Don't be shocked if the Sky end up parting ways with Dolson, who is an unrestricted free agent, to be able to afford the rest.

Tiffany Hayes: With relatively new ownership and a brand new team president, general manager and coach in Atlanta, the Dream are entering a new phase for the franchise. It's unclear what exact direction the Dream will go and whether they envision Hayes as part of it. The unrestricted free agent played her entire career there and averaged 14.7 points per game in 2021 while dealing with a midseason injury.

Kia Nurse: Nurse, a restricted free agent, is working her way back from an ACL tear she suffered during the 2021 playoffs, but the Mercury have already indicated they'd like to retain her by extending a qualifying offer. She's reportedly recovering well from her surgery, according to WNBA reporter Jeff Metcalfe.

Kiah Stokes: The 2015 UConn grad is an unrestricted free agent after playing for the Liberty and Las Vegas Aces in 2021.

Megan Walker: Walker, who just finished her second year in the league, was cut by Phoenix this week.

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SHORTS

City opens up 13-point lead in EPL



For Pep Guardiola, the biggest challenge now will be convincing his Manchester City players the English Premier League title race is not over. “My job is to take it out from the brain and heads of my players,” Guardiola, pictured, said after City beat nearest rival Chelsea 1-0 on Saturday. “To try not to believe what other people are going to say.” With City holding a 13-point lead, it’s hardly surprising that people have already basically handed Guardiola’s relentless team a sixth title in 11 seasons. After all, the defending champions are on a 12-match winning run in the league after Kevin De Bruyne’s brilliant curling strike in the 70th minute sealed victory at Etihad Stadium. City has lost two games all season — it would have to lose at least three of its remaining 16 matches to drop out of first place — and already has played all of the top teams away from home. Liverpool, in third place 14 points behind having played two games fewer, looks to be the only team realistically capable of stopping City. Even that is improbable, given City’s form and pedigree.

Djokovic sent back to detention



Novak Djokovic was back in immigration detention Saturday after his legal challenge to avoid being deported from Australia for being unvaccinated for COVID-19 was moved to higher court. A Federal Court hearing has been scheduled for Sunday, a day before the men’s No. 1-ranked tennis player and nine-time Australian Open champion was due to begin his title defense at the first Grand Slam tennis tournament of the year. Djokovic and his lawyers had a morning meeting with immigration officials and, by mid-afternoon, Australian media reported the tennis star was taken back into detention. Television footage showed the 34-year-old Serb wearing a face mask as he sat in a vehicle near an immigration detention hotel. He spent four nights confined to a hotel near downtown Melbourne before being released last Monday when he won a court challenge on procedural grounds against his first visa cancellation. Immigration Minister Alex Hawke on Friday blocked the visa, which was originally revoked when he landed at a Melbourne airport on Jan. 5.

White climbs the podium in Laax



Shaun White finished third at the Laax Open in Switzerland, marking his first podium finish since he won his third Olympic gold medal in 2018 and all but cementing his spot at next month’s games in Beijing. White did not try his toughest combination of tricks in Saturday’s final, but his back-to-back 1080s and his signature Double McTwist 1260 were part of an opening run that scored an 84 and was enough for third. White didn’t try any flips on his second run. The 35-year-old came into the event as the fourth-ranked American on the World Snowboarding Points list. By finishing as the top American in Laax, it virtually guarantees he’ll earn one of the four men’s halfpipe spots for the U.S. team. Two-time Olympic silver medalist Ayumu Hirano won the contest to continue Japan’s dominance on the halfpipe, and Switzerland’s Jan Scherrer finished second. The Japanese have swept all the key run-up events to the Olympics this year, with the Winter X Games set for next weekend. Chloe Kim won the women’s final, locking her in as the favorite to go back-to-back at the Olympics. —AP



Rafael Nadal, above, on the Novak Djokovic situation: “The Australian Open is much bigger than any player.” ANDY CHEUNG/AFP

TENNIS AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Set for new approach

Nadal, others a ‘bit tired’ of the Djokovic situation

By John Pye and Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Rafael Nadal’s first Grand Slam match in more than seven months is on the horizon, he is coming back from a painful left foot problem that limited him to one tournament over the last half of last season and he got COVID-19 in December.

Plenty to talk about, right? This is, after all, the owner of 20 major championships and one of the most significant figures in the history of tennis. His mere presence at an Australian Open pre-tournament news conference Saturday was newsworthy — or, rather, would have been on pretty much any other occasion.

Ah, yes, the run-up to this Australian Open has been, and seems destined to continue to be, all about Novak Djokovic and his hopes of defending the title at a vaccination-required competition while not being vaccinated against the coronavirus. So Nadal’s words and body language spoke for many in the world of tennis when he shrugged his shoulders, exhaled and uttered this about his long-time rival’s will-he-play-or-won’t-he saga: “Honestly, I’m a little bit tired of the situation.”

“The Australian Open is much more important than any player,” Nadal said. “If he’s playing, finally, OK. If he’s not playing, the Australian Open will be a great Australian Open, with or without him. That’s my point of view.”

Unlike Djokovic, Nadal has gotten his shots. As have a total of 97 of the Top 100 in the ATP rankings and 96 of

the Top 100 in the WTA rankings.

“All this could have been avoided, like we’ve all done, by getting vaccinated, doing all the things we had to do to come here in Australia,” said two-time major champion Garbine Muguruza, a 28-year-old from Spain seeded No. 3 in the women’s bracket. “Everybody knew very clearly the rules. You just have to follow them and that’s it. I don’t think it’s that difficult.”

For now, the No. 1-seeded Djokovic is scheduled to play Monday on Day 1 of the year’s first major tournament, where both he and Nadal could claim a 21st Grand Slam trophy to break the men’s mark they currently share with Roger Federer.

Before that, though, Djokovic — and, it seems, everyone else with any interest at all in tennis or the latest developments related in some way to the pandemic — will wait to see what happens in a court hearing Sunday on his appeal of a second revocation of his visa by the Australian government.

He could be deported.

“I won’t lie: It has been pretty much on every news outlet the last couple of weeks. It has received a lot of attention. A lot of people are obviously talking about it,” said Stefanos Tsitsipas, a 23-year-old from Greece who is seeded No. 4 at Melbourne Park and was the runner-up to Djokovic at last year’s French Open. “That’s why I’m here to talk about tennis. ... Not enough tennis has been talked about in the last couple of weeks, which is a shame.”

Usually, the Australian Open — known as the “Happy Slam” — serves as a sort of celebratory launch of a new tennis season. Players are coming off a chance to rest, recharge and prepare during the offseason. They have a clean, or mostly clean, slate, depending on whether they played any tune-up

matches. Some show up with wrinkles in their playing style. Some arrive with a new coach, eager to see how the relationship might work out.

“It feels like it’s taking away from us competitors who just want to start. We’re just eager to go out and compete. The Australian Open is always an incredible event, my home Slam, my favorite tournament,” said No. 32-seeded Alex de Minaur, a 22-year-old Australian. “At the end of the day, tennis is an individual sport, and we’ve all been here in Australia for a while, getting ready for this tournament. We all just want to get on with our own stuff.”

Story lines and areas of intrigue tend to be plentiful in Melbourne. As it is, this time was destined to be a little different, given the noteworthy players who are absent for one reason or another, including Federer, Serena Williams and Venus Williams.

But Nadal’s return to Slam action for the first time since a semifinal loss to Djokovic in Paris in June is a big deal.

So, too, is defending Australian Open champion Naomi Osaka’s arrival with what she says is a fresh outlook after taking two mental health breaks in 2021, including one that ended her season in September. Given Osaka’s frank revelations about depression and anxiety, it was meaningful Saturday when she broke into a full-on grin. When she joked around with reporters. When she appeared comfortable as can be. As did Nadal.

Only when the topic was Djokovic did Nadal sound less than excited.

“I wish him all the best. I really respect him,” Nadal said about someone he’s played a tour-record 58 times dating to 2006, “even if I (do) not agree with a lot of things that he did the last couple of weeks.”

OLYMPICS

‘Zero COVID’ is the aim for China

By Candice Choi
Associated Press

Athletes will need to be vaccinated — or face a long quarantine — take tests daily and wear masks when not competing or training. Clapping is OK to cheer on teammates, not chanting. Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 will be sent into isolation and unable to compete until cleared for discharge.

Welcome to the Beijing Olympics, where strict containment measures will aim to create a virus-proof “bubble” for thousands of international visitors at a time when omicron is fueling infections globally.

The prevention protocols will be similar to those at the Tokyo Games this summer, but much tighter. That won’t be a stretch in Beijing, with China having maintained a “Zero COVID” policy since early in the pandemic.

Still, China’s ability to stick to its zero-tolerance approach nationally is already being tested by the highly transmissible omicron variant, which is more contagious than earlier variants of the virus and better able to evade protection from vaccines.

With just weeks to go before the Feb. 4 start of the Games, more than 20 million people in six cities are under lockdown after recent outbreaks.

Here’s how the Games will work:

Do athletes have to be vaccinated?: Yes, athletes and other participants including team staff and news media need to be fully vaccinated to be allowed in the designated Olympic areas without completing a 21-day quarantine. Those areas will consist of the Olympic Village, game venues, other select spots and dedicated transport.

That’s different from the Tokyo Games, where participants didn’t have to be vaccinated.

Participants are considered fully vaccinated according to the definitions outlined by their countries. Before boarding their flights, everyone also needs to provide two recent negative tests from approved labs.

The threat of being sidelined by a positive test is adding to the pressure for athletes. Mogul skier Hannah Soar said she’s avoiding contact with people indoors and behaving as if everyone has the virus: “We’re basically at the point of acting like it’s March 2020.”

What about daily life? Upon arrival at the airport in Beijing, participants will have their temperatures taken and be tested with throat and nasal swabs. An Olympics official who recently arrived on site said at a press briefing the process took him 45 minutes, though organizers note times might vary.

A bus will then take people to their designated lodging, where they’ll wait up to six hours for test results to clear them to move about in approved areas. Restrictions on movement within that “closed loop” are intended to seal off any potential contact between Olympic participants and the local population. Throat swabs for testing will be required daily for all participants. In Tokyo, participants spit into vials for antigen tests. Standard prevention measures are being encouraged, such as ventilating rooms and keeping a distance of about 3 feet (1 meter) from others - or 6 feet (2 meters) from athletes. Masks that are N95 or of a similar caliber will also be required in indoor and outdoor areas with few exceptions, such as when people are eating or drinking. Dining halls will have partitions and seating capacity will be reduced to help maintain distancing.

In spaces where distancing isn’t possible, such as elevators, talking isn’t allowed. Staff will be stationed in key areas to help guide people and ensure protocols are being followed.

What if an athlete tests positive? In Tokyo, organizers say 33 athletes tested positive during the Games. Of those, 22 were withdrawn from from competition. Even with the tightened precautions in Beijing, experts say some positive tests are likely, especially with omicron in play.

If an athlete or other participant tests positive but doesn’t have symptoms, they’ll need to go into isolation in a dedicated hotel. They’ll be provided with meals and can open their windows for fresh air but won’t be able to leave their rooms, which organizers say will be about 270 square feet (25 square meters).

Athletes can request fitness equipment for training.

People with no symptoms can leave isolation after two days of negative tests. Organizers say those testing positive will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, but it might still be too late for athletes to compete.

As a general rule, organizers say the panel will review those who keep testing positive for more than 14 days.

Those who test positive and have symptoms have to go into isolation in a hospital. They’ll also need to two days of negative tests to be let loose, as well as three days of normal temperatures and symptoms subsiding.

Organizers have said athletes who recover after testing positive ahead of the Games will also be assessed on a case-by-case basis in a “more flexible manner.”

Will there be fans? Spectators from overseas won’t be allowed. As for local fans, Beijing organizers say they’re finalizing rules for their attendance. It’s not clear how the recent outbreaks around China will factor into the decisions.

NFL WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS



Bengals wide receiver Ja'Marr Chase celebrates a touchdown by teammate Tyler Boyd in the AFC wild-card game on Saturday. JEFF DEAN/AP

AFC BENGALS 26, RAIDERS 19

The wild cats

Bengals hold on for the team's 1st playoff victory since 1990

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Paul Brown Stadium nearly shook in triumph. The city of Cincinnati might have, too.

Its latest hero, Bengals quarterback Joe Burrow, merely seemed to shrug after leading his team to its first playoff victory in 31 years, 26-19 over the Raiders on Saturday in an AFC wild-card game.

"It's exciting for the city, for the state, but we are not going to dwell on that, we are moving forward," said Burrow, who threw two touchdown passes. "This is expected, this isn't like the icing on top of the cake, this is the cake. So we are moving on."

Burrow led an efficient offense that scored on six drives, Evan McPherson became the first rookie to make four field goals without a miss in a postseason debut, and Germaine Pratt sealed it with a fourth-down interception in the dying seconds.

It was a victory three decades in the making for the Bengals (11-7). After going from worst to first in the AFC North with

a generally young roster, they ended that embarrassingly long postseason drought that included eight consecutive defeats.

"Who Dey" indeed.

Coach Zac Taylor said game balls were going to team owner Mike Brown and to the city itself.

"Some of them might not understand the significance of what happened today," he said of his players. "The city can finally enjoy ... this team and take the pressure off of the last 31 years. Today was significant for a lot of people."

Their next opponent will depend on results in the other two AFC wild-card games this weekend.

"It's going to be fun tomorrow to watch the games knowing we have the win," said Burrow, the top overall selection in the 2020 draft who led the NFL in completion percentage this season. He went 24 for 34 for 244 yards Saturday.

Helped by some problematic officiating by Jerome Boger's crew that might have allowed Burrow's touchdown pass to Tyler Boyd to count when it shouldn't have, the Bengals also extended a lengthy postseason drought for the Raiders (10-8).

The Raiders, who won its final four games to squeeze into the playoffs, last won in the

postseason in the 2002 AFC championship game.

The Bengals made it 4 for 4 on scoring drives late in the first half, though with some controversy. Burrow rolled right to avoid pressure and threw from close to the sideline.

Play continued despite an erroneous whistle by an official, who thought Burrow stepped out of bounds. Boyd caught the 10-yard pass in the back of the end zone for a 20-6 lead.

The play counted, to protests from the Raiders, who cited the rule that the ball should be returned to the previous spot.

And the Raiders lost by seven points.

"We just ran out of time today," said interim coach Rich Bisaccia. "We did some uncharacteristic things with some penalties and gave up some drives and didn't capitalize when we had it in the red zone at times. So it just didn't go our way today."

The crowd of 66,277 fans hungry for some playoff gold had to hold their breath before getting it.

"I think Germaine has made a really big step this year, Taylor said. "I thought last year was a good step, I think this year he has made a tremendous jump. Super reliable for us."

AFC

Chiefs coming at Steelers with everything

TE Kelce and WR Hill are ready to go for the rematch

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

The last time the Chiefs played the Steelers, their record-setting wide receiver had just recovered from COVID-19 and their star tight end was sitting at home and still dealing with the virus.

They still rolled to a 36-10 victory at Arrowhead Stadium.

Should give the Chiefs a lot of confidence for the rematch in the wild-card round of the playoffs Sunday night.

"It was a pretty frustrating time," Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce said. "I think even though I had some symptoms, it was nothing that would keep me out of the facility, and practicing and going to play in a game. It was pretty frustrating to not go out there with my guys. But once the game started, I had fun watching us go to work."

That's a considerable understatement.

Even without Kelce on the field, and with Tyreek Hill slowed by the illness, Patrick Mahomes still threw for 258 yards and three scores. He hit nine different targets, turning Byron Pringle and Mecole Hardman into fantasy fill-in heroes. The defense did its part, too. It pitched a first-half shutout, helping Kansas City build a 23-0 lead, and hardly faltered down the stretch. By the time the clock hit zeros, the Steelers were bumming and the Chiefs were celebrating.

Now, they have to figure out a way to slow



Chiefs' Travis Kelce (87) and Tyreek Hill (10) missed the last meeting against the Steelers, a 36-10 win for the Chiefs. Both are expected to play in the rematch Sunday. DAVID EULITT/GETTY

down the same team with two of the league's best at nearly full speed.

"I think they're probably better equipped to answer in terms of the impact of the presence of those guys and what they mean," Steelers coach Mike Tomlin said. "Obviously, we have a bunch of tape to look at and we respect what they're capable of, their talents and how they utilize their talents."

Kelce just might be the best tight end in history once he gets the ball in his hands. He's not the fastest player, or the most athletic, but he has an uncanny ability to find the open field and turn a short gain into a big one. He had 92 catches for 1,125 yards, and 564 of those yards came after the catch — the seventh-best total in the NFL this year.

Even though he missed the Steelers game in December, Kelce still eclipsed 1,000 yards for a sixth straight year.

"There's a lot of teams that won't be out there this week, and it's a blessing," Kelce said. "It's a blessing to be here in Kansas City and have the success that we've had over my entire nine years in the league, and I just try to take advantage of those opportunities because not everybody gets them."

Kelce's feeling so blessed these days that he just laughed off the fact that Hill, whom he described as "one of my favorite teammates ever," broke his franchise record for receptions with 111 this season.

"That one is supposed to belong to a wide receiver," Kelce said.

PREVIEWS SUNDAY'S GAMES



Eagles (9-8)
at Bucs (13-4)

Time/TV: 1 p.m., Fox
Line: Buccaneers by 8 ½
How the Eagles can win: Establish the run early. The Eagles have an excellent ground game, and the Tampa Bay run defense hasn't been as great in recent weeks. Get pressure up the middle on Tom Brady and make him move off his spot.
How the Buccaneers can win: With their first-string secondary finally healthy, the Buccaneers can play man coverage and put an extra defender in the box to slow that Philadelphia run game. Let Tom Brady do what he does, and have someone other than Mike Evans step up.
Pick: Philadelphia might keep this close for a while, but Brady will help the Buccaneers pull away in the second half.
Buccaneers 27, Eagles 17



49ers (10-7) at
Cowboys (12-5)

Time/TV: 4:30 p.m., CBS
Line: Cowboys by 3
How the 49ers can win: The 49ers are extremely physical and they can establish the run, and that's what has given the Rams such problems. Jimmy Garoppolo, only somewhat hampered by that injured thumb, needs to avoid the turnovers.
How the Cowboys can win: Let Dak Prescott and his receivers take advantage of the matchups on the outside against that vulnerable San Francisco secondary. On defense, a big game from Micah Parsons would really help.
Pick: Not every home team is going to win this weekend. The 49ers are getting healthy at the right time, and Prescott has been inconsistent. **49ers 24, Cowboys 23**



Steelers (9-7-1)
at Chiefs (12-5)

Time/TV: 8:15 p.m., NBC
Line: Chiefs by 12 ½
How the Steelers can win: They're playing with house money because everyone expects the Chiefs to win. Forcing turnovers is huge; for instance, Steelers upset Tennessee by winning the turnover battle, 4-0.
How the Chiefs can win: Take advantage of that porous Pittsburgh offensive line. Let Patrick Mahomes and his receivers overwhelm the Steelers with that blistering speed, just as they did in a 36-10 win a few weeks ago.
Pick: The Chiefs have set aside the turnover problems they had earlier in the season, and they have too much firepower for the Steelers. **Chiefs 30, Steelers 17**

SATURDAY'S SUMMARY

CINCINNATI 26, LAS VEGAS 19						
Las Vegas	3	10	0	6	—	19
Cincinnati	10	10	3	3	—	26
First Quarter						
Las:	FG Carlson 47, 9:23.					
Cin:	Uzomah 7 pass from Burrow (McPherson kick), 4:31.					
Cin:	FG McPherson 31, 1:15.					
Second Quarter						
Cin:	FG McPherson 30, 10:20.					
Las:	FG Carlson 28, 7:55.					
Cin:	Boyd 10 pass from Burrow (McPherson kick), 1:51.					
Las:	Z.Jones 14 pass from Carr (Carlson kick), :13.					
Third Quarter						
Cin:	FG McPherson 43, 10:56.					
Fourth Quarter						
Las:	FG Carlson 34, 14:17.					
Cin:	FG McPherson 28, 6:46.					
Las:	FG Carlson 28, 3:34.					
TEAM STATS						
First downs	LAS		CIN			
	23		18			
Total net yards	385		308			
Rushes-yards	14-103		25-83			
Passing	282		225			
Punt returns	1-0		2-26			
Kickoff returns	4-73		5-103			
Interceptions ret.	0-0		1-2			
Comp-att-int	29-54-1		24-34-0			
Sacked-yards lost	3-28		2-19			
Punts	2-49.5		2-45.0			
Fumbles-lost	2-1		0-0			
Penalties-yards	7-46		7-56			
Time of possession	28:09		31:51			

WILD-CARD GLANCE

Saturday's games
No. 4Cincinnati 26, No. 5 Las Vegas 19
No. 6 New England (10-7) at
No. 3 Buffalo (11-6), late
Sunday's games
No. 7 Philadelphia (9-8) at
No. 2 Tampa Bay (13-4), 1p.m.
No. 6 San Francisco (10-7) at
No. 3 Dallas (12-5), 4:30p.m.
No. 7 Pittsburgh (9-7-1) at
No. 2 Kansas City (12-5), 8:15p.m.
Monday's game
No. 5 Arizona (11-6) at
No. 4 L.A. Rams (12-5), 8:15p.m.

DIVISIONAL ROUND, Jan. 22 -23
NFC lowest remaining seed at
No. 1 Green Bay (13-4), TBD
AFC lowest remaining seed at
No. 1 Tennessee (12-5), TBD

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
Sunday, Jan. 30, 3:30and 6:40p.m.

SUPER BOWL LVI
Feb. 13; Inglewood, Calif., 6:30p.m.

NFL

JETS
Wilson needs some help on offense

QB would get nice boost in Year 2 from elite weapons

By **Dj Bien-Aime II**
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Zach Wilson’s rookie year, in a word: Underwhelming.

Let’s start with the bad. Wilson was 30th or 31st in yards, touchdowns, passer rating and QBR, and completed 55% of his passes for the worst mark in the league.

He averaged 179 yards passing per game with nine touchdowns and he had the sixth most interceptions in the league with 11. He was sacked 44 times, some falling on Wilson or other times the offensive line. But he did cut down on interceptions, with none in his last five starts.

If you’re a Jets fan with a weak stomach, turn away from this next piece of info.

Since 2010, there have been 32 first round QBs who started at least six games as a rookie. Among those, Wilson is bottom ten in completion percentage, touchdown percentage, passer rating and yards per game, according to Stathead.

Statistically, in the past 11 seasons, Wilson’s rookie year was comparable to the likes of Mitch Trubisky, Jared Goff, Blaine Gabbert, Tua Tagovailoa, Josh Rosen, Christian Ponder, Dwayne Haskins and Josh Allen.

Allen, the outlier, became an MVP-caliber player after his struggles. The rest, well, didn’t. Wilson, at least, has more arm talent and athleticism than every QB mentioned except Allen.

To start the season, the offensive line was still jelling with Wilson, which led to duress in the pocket. And his only reliable receiving target was Corey Davis.

And towards the end of the year, Wilson’s receiving corps dealt with injuries as Elijah Moore and Davis both missed the last five games. His tight end group was Tyler Kroft and Ryan Griffin who combined for just 434 receiving yards.

Wilson needs to get more accurate and improve in many other aspects. What can the Jets do to aid that development?

It starts with improving the receiving corps. Jamison Crowder, Braxton Berrios and Keelan Cole are impending free agents.

Davis and Moore are a solid duo, with Moore having elite level potential.

But look across the NFL landscape at who is perceived as good to elite. The top tier of QBs —Patrick Mahomes, Aaron Rodgers, Tom Brady, Josh Allen, Joe Burrow, Dak Prescott, Justin Herbert, Matthew Stafford, Derek Carr, Lamar Jackson and Kyler Murray — have, at minimum, good weapons, with some having elite receiving options.

The Jets must upgrade Wilson’s weaponry from solid to elite. No excuses. If Gang Green wants Wilson to become a franchise QB, add game changers. And they have the assets to do so.

The Jets currently have \$53,774,414 in cap space.

GIANTS



Brian Flores was fired as Dolphins coach on Monday. AP

Finding Mr. Right

Brian Flores, Jim Harbaugh, Thomas Brown and the search

By **Pat Leonard and Pat Leon**
New York Daily News

The NFL is teeming with juicy information as GMs, coaches, agents and organizations play musical chairs for coveted jobs. The Giants are smack dab in the middle. Here are the headlines of what Daily News sources have dished on the past week:

From Joe to Flo? Brian Flores has eyes for the Giants. That’s on good authority from several trusted sources, although 1) Flores has interviewed with the Bears and Texans and 2) other sources insist Flores sees New York as an attractive fit but has no preference.

Flores, 40, has several strong ties to the Giants and New York. He grew up in Brooklyn. He and John Mara both graduated from Boston College. And Flores and Mara’s nephew, Tim McDonnell, have a Notre Dame connection: McDonnell worked in Notre Dame’s football program for eight years before joining the Giants. Flores attended Brooklyn’s Poly Prep on a Jordan Scholarship funded by billionaire Jay Jordan, a Notre Dame graduate, trustee and donor, and a close friend. Flores played at Poly Prep with Jordan’s son, JW Jordan, who works in personnel for the L.A. Rams.

It’s fair to question if Flores would be the right fit for the Giants coming off Joe Judge. Flores is a no-nonsense Bill Belichick disciple who makes players run laps, too, with an even more in-your-face reputation than Judge.

Word is Flores got fired by the Dolphins for overplaying his hand in trying to wrest full control of what he viewed as Miami’s unsatisfactory personnel process, including GM Chris Grier and

quarterback Tua Tagovailoa.

The Giants are talking like they want a GM who has full control over the coach. So going “from Joe to Flo” might be a stretch.

Still, Flores nearly finished .500 (24-25) in three seasons with the Dolphins, winning eight of his last nine. He knows defense. His players played hard. And he knows talent: he was a staunch advocate for acquiring Texans QB Deshaun Watson, who may be available in a trade this spring.

Expect Flores to interview for the Giants’ job regardless of which GM gets hired to run the show.

Go Blue or Big Blue?: When I first heard Jim Harbaugh’s name being bandied about during this hiring cycle, I thought it was a leverage play by Harbaugh to squeeze Michigan for more money coming off a College Football Playoff berth.

But I was extremely interested to learn from reliable sources that 1) Harbaugh’s NFL interest is genuine and that 2) the Giants’ vacancy intrigues him and he’d pick up the phone if they called.

Harbaugh, 58, has a great job at his alma mater, so he’d need to be convinced that the situation he was leaving for was stable and ripe for success. But the opportunity to chase a Super Bowl would be attractive, having fallen just short with the 49ers in February 2013.

And while Harbaugh is known as a strong personality, sources familiar with his thinking do not believe Harbaugh would try to control the organization he joined. He would simply prioritize and value stability in the owners’ and GM’s suites to let him do his job on the field.

And the Raiders and Bears organizations present no more favorably in those areas than the Giants.

Harbaugh’s record speaks for itself: 90-45 in college and

44-19-1 in the pros. Could he go from Go Blue to Big Blue? You have to admit: it doesn’t stretch the imagination too far to picture Harbaugh strutting up and down the MetLife Stadium sidelines in his trademark khaki pants.

The life of Brian: As expected when this process began, some sources say the Giants are very interested in Bills offensive coordinator Brian Daboll, the Belichick disciple who has gotten the best out of quarterback Josh Allen in Buffalo. The Buffalo ticket of GM Joe Schoen and head coach Daboll certainly is an intriguing one. Schoen, who interviewed in Chicago, too, is considered as ready as any of the Giants’ nine candidates to take the big chair. And Daboll as an offensive coach could tackle the team’s worst side of the ball.

One league source said Schoen would be a great GM because he is a great communicator and listener with complete command of a room and a scouting staff. Another league source said of Chiefs executive director of player personnel Ryan Poles, a Giants GM candidate: “He’s ready.”

Ravens director of player personnel Joe Hortiz, who interviewed Saturday, is also viewed as an extremely strong candidate, a lynchpin of one the most respected front offices in the league.

The Giants have sought to copy Belichick’s Patriot Way in recent years, but they’re also aware that Baltimore is at the forefront of the NFL’s evolution.

Judge, in fact, brought something closer to a Ravens-like understanding of draft capital to the conversation the past two years, since both the Patriots and Ravens understand that no one is flawless at evaluating players. It’s about managing assets intelligently to acquire more kicks at the can and build roster depth.

Playoffs

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Kyler Murray, Joe Burrow, Mac Jones, and Jalen Hurts will all be starting their first playoff games. (The Raiders qualified for the postseason in 2016, but Carr suffered a broken leg right before the playoffs.)

Let’s take a deeper look inside this weekend’s wild-card games and the 2022 postseason:

Wild rarity: The Buccaneers won last year’s Super Bowl as a wild-card team, but that was a rarity. Only seven wild-card teams have won a championship, with the 2010 Packers, 2007 Giants, and 2005 Steelers last accomplishing the feat before the Buccaneers. The 2012 Ravens and 2011 Giants also won Super Bowls after playing on wild-card weekend.

But the Titans and Packers, the No. 1 seeds who get home-field advantage and the only first-round byes, have the clear advantage. Only four out of 21 Super Bowls this century have not featured at least one No. 1 seed.

Check the streaks: A handful of streaks are on the line this post-season. The Chiefs are looking to become the fourth team to reach at least three straight Super Bowls (Miami 1971-73, Buffalo 1990-93, New England 2016-18). The Bengals are looking for their first playoff win since January 1991, having lost eight straight postseason games.

And road teams have actually done quite well in wild-card games, compiling a 10-4 record the past three seasons.

The QBs: This year’s quarterback field features players that are really old (Brady, Ben Roethlisberger, Rodgers) and really young, with six under the age of 27 (Jones, Burrow, Murray, Hurts, Mahomes, and Josh Allen).

Poor Raiders: The NFL certainly did the Raiders no favors with the scheduling, channeling the days of Pete Rozelle sticking it to Al Davis. The Raiders played a 70-minute overtime game against the Chargers into the wee hours of Monday morning, then drew the earliest wild-card slot — 4:30 p.m. Saturday, three time zones away in Cincinnati. That’s essentially a five-day week to get ready for the most important game of the season.

Of course, had the Raiders kneeled on the ball and taken the tie against the Chargers, they would have gotten to play Sunday night against the Chiefs.

1 vs. 2: Saturday’s Patriots-Bills game was the sixth since 2000 to feature the NFL’s No. 1 and 2 scoring defenses (Bills had the top slot). The team with the No. 2 defense was 3-2 in those games, including the Patriots’ win over the Steelers in the AFC Championship game played 20 years ago.

Familiar faces: This wild-card weekend features two divisional games — Patriots-Bills and Cardinals-Rams. In the last seven playoff games featuring division rivals, dating to 2014, the road team has won six. Last year, the Buccaneers won in New Orleans, the Browns won in Pittsburgh, and the Rams won in Seattle.

Still going: Brady will continue to build on the dozens of playoff records he owns when the Buccaneers play the Eagles on Sunday. Most notably, it will be his 46th postseason start, with Peyton Manning second with 27. Brady also has 83 postseason touchdown passes, with Joe Montana and Rodgers next with 45.

Hockey

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fell to the ice. Another player who was near the downed player was unable to stop and collided with the player who fell,” Zuccerella said. “The player on the ice sustained an injury.”

Zuccerella told News 8 on Friday that Balkind fell to the ice after he was injured.

“I see how this part of the statement may have been interpreted incorrectly,” Zuccerella said. “This was a tragic incident. There was never any indication this was anything other than a tragic accident, nor was anyone to blame.”

The Connecticut Office of the Chief Medical Examiner said Balkind died of an incised wound of the neck and ruled the death an accident.

“The Balkinds know these teams are carrying the weight of this tragedy on their shoulders. They hope setting the record straight will lift some of that weight and help the healing begin,” Davis wrote in the letter.

Balkind’s death has brought forth waves of sympathy and support from the global hockey community but has also brought calls for

change.

On Friday, Connecticut State Representative Nicole Klarides-Ditria (R-Seymour) said she plans to introduce legislation during the upcoming session to require all hockey players wear a neck guard or similar protective device during practice or games.

“It’s incredibly heartbreaking what happened last week and sadly this tragic accident may have been preventable had the teams been required to wear neck guards,” Rep. Klarides-Ditria, a certified sports athletic trainer said. “Fast-paced and physical sports like hockey can sometimes be dangerous which is why players wear shin pads, gloves and other protective equipment, a neck guard is one more small piece to keep players safe.”

Rules aimed at preventing such a tragedy have been in place for CIAC schools since 2001.

“Commercially manufactured throat guards designed specifically for ice hockey are required for all players, including goaltenders during regular season and tournament play,” the CIAC rules state.

Those rules do not apply to private schools and some youth hockey programs. St. Luke’s, a New Canaan-based prep school, and Brunswick play in the Fairches-

ter Athletic Association, which, like most prep school conferences, follows the policy of USA Hockey and the NCAA, which recommend rather than require the wearing of neck guards.

“The NCAA does not require neck gear on the ice,” said John Hissick, who coaches at Kingswood Oxford in West Hartford, a Fairchester and New England Prep School Athletic Conference member. “And, so up until this point in time, I can’t honestly say it’s ever been an issue or even been discussed.”

This much has changed. Hissick, whose child wears neck gear as required by youth hockey in Connecticut, said conversations are already taking place within the prep school conference.

“I honestly can’t see how it *can’t* change,” he said. “... As a coach I don’t have the authority to make those calls, even though I have to go by the rules that are given to me.”

Rep. Klarides-Ditria said she has spoken with House Republican Leader Vin Candelora and Deputy Republican Leader Tom O’Dea and several local hockey coaches who support the concept.

“The safety of our children is a priority in the legislature and I’m hopeful this proposal — or a similar measure — will pass the legislature

this session with broad bipartisan support,” Rep. Klarides-Ditria said. “Coaches and athletic trainers focus on trying to prevent and treat athletic injuries to keep players safe, but with this simple rule change the legislature has the potential to save lives.”

Neck guards are generally made of a high impact plastic, such as Lexan or Kevlar, or a ballistic nylon designed to resist cuts. They are lightweight and cover most of the neck, attaching with Velcro in the back. It is not known for certain whether Balkind was wearing a throat guard.

Last weekend, Samuel Brande, a high school-age player from Wayland, Massachusetts, and a close friend of Balkind’s, started a Change.org petition asking USA Hockey to make neck guards mandatory.

“For most of my childhood I wore them,” Brande told the Courant. “I stopped a couple of years back, and I’m not sure why, but since my friend’s accident I’ve been wearing them. It’s very important to me. My end goal is to get USA Hockey to change the rule across the board across the country. In order to do that, show that people care about his issue.”

As of Saturday morning, Brande’s

petition had more than 74,000 supporters. Stores selling hockey equipment in the area have seen an increase in customers looking to buy protective equipment.

“Just as fatal as a head injury can be, we just saw a neck injury can be just as fatal,” Brande said. “We wear helmets, so why don’t we wear neck guards? The neck is one of the more vulnerable spots on the body when we’re playing hockey. It doesn’t make sense to me. I don’t see a downside. It’s keeping us safe and the one I’m wearing I don’t even know it’s there.”

In CIAC games, players not wearing proper neck protection are subject to penalty, usually after one warning. Referees will likely be reminded to watch more closely.

“I haven’t found it to be a big issue with kids,” E.O. Smith-Tolland coach John Hodgson said. “It’s a minor inconvenience for a high school kid sometimes, but if you make it a part of the deal they just do it. You have something wrapped around your neck, most of us don’t go through the day like that, so you do feel it. But you have your body full of gear, so I don’t think it has a major impact.”

Information from Courant writer Dom Amore was used in this

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A *home gym* you'll use

Tips on designing a workout space that's a pleasure to exercise in

By **Tim McKeough**
The New York Times

A new year often comes with new resolutions, and for many, those resolutions center on physical fitness. Whether you want to work off all those holiday cookies or stretch your way into a healthier year, a home gym can make that more convenient — and safer, as the pandemic rages on.

A dedicated home gym isn't a necessity, of course, but if you're fortunate enough to have the space, it can be a real luxury — especially if it's well designed. To make it a place where you'll enjoy spending time, give it some thought and concentrate on the design, advised Sara Story, a New York-based interior designer and exercise enthusiast. "It should have a good atmosphere and good lighting," she said, much like any other room in your home.

For tips on designing a hard-wearing gym that's a joy to use, we asked designers how they approach workout spaces.

Choose the room

Although it's nice to have an expansive space for your gym, it doesn't need to be a huge room. Nicole Hollis, an interior designer, turned a small, awkward room on the top floor of her San Francisco townhouse — roughly the size of a walk-in closet — into her home gym.

Olga Hanono, an interior designer, recently completed a four-story home in Mexico City with a gym on the top

level, which has glass doors and views over neighboring rooftops. "It's not the deepest, most obscure corner of the home," she said. "On the contrary, it's a space filled with natural light."

If possible, it's best to put the gym near a bathroom, said Jimmy Crisp, the principal of Crisp Architects, in Millbrook, New York, because "chances are, you're going to want to shower after you work out." And if you're going all out, consider installing spalike features like a steam shower or a sauna.

Take stock of your equipment

There are many ways to work out, from free weights to elliptical machines, so knowing which equipment you'll actually use is important. And if you want a gym that is as attractive as it is functional, you're in luck: Finding good-looking equipment with a compact footprint is easier than it used to be.

"Now there's a blending of luxury and technology in the gym, and that's the best thing that could happen to us," Hanono said. "It allows us to place not only useful, but also beautiful, objects in these places."

Interactive fitness systems like Mirror, Tonal and Forme are as unobtrusive as a wall-mounted mirror or picture frame. Peloton has streamlined stationary bikes and treadmills. Wahoo and Tacx make stationary smart trainers that allow carbon-fiber racing bicycles to be used indoors. Ergatta and WaterRower make rowing machines that look almost as handsome as finely crafted rowing shells. And companies like Bala and Kenko are rethinking what weights should look like.

Develop a plan

There's more to designing a home gym than just piling equipment into an unused room — it requires creating a layout with good spatial flow.

"We really like to consider the program and how the client will use the space, including what types of cardio equipment they'll be using," said Heather Hilliard, an interior designer in San Francisco. For instance, she said, "if there's a treadmill, you have to have space behind it, in case someone falls off. And you need space for navigating between machines."

With electronic machines like treadmills and Peloton bikes, she added, it's critical to have electrical outlets nearby, so you don't have extension cords snaking across the room. When possible, Hilliard likes to add floor outlets directly below the machines.

It's also important to leave space for floor exercises, Story said. "You don't want to go into a gym where it's just all machines," she said, because it could feel claustrophobic. Leaving open space at the center of the room will make your gym feel less cramped, while also providing room for yoga, stretching and calisthenics.

Address the floor and walls

The flooring and walls in a gym should be durable and easy to clean.

"Some form of resilient floor is always a good idea," Crisp said. That often means interlocking rubber-tile or vinyl flooring, similar to the kind commercial gyms use, installed wall-to-wall or as a large area mat on top of other flooring.

Another option is to use cushioned mats that can be rolled out individually, in discrete workout zones, across a hard floor of wood, laminate or concrete, Hollis said. (Carpet is not ideal, because it's difficult to clean.) She suggested "a couple of different types of mats — one for weights and one for yoga." Individual mats can also be placed under equipment like stationary bikes, to dampen noise and catch drops of sweat.

All of the designers interviewed

for this story also suggested adding mirrors — either mirrored walls or large framed mirrors — to enlarge the sense of space and let you check your form as you work out.

Pay attention to lighting

You don't have to blast your workout space with the kind of overhead light you'd find in a commercial gym. Installing layers of lighting with multiple fixtures — and using dimmers to control those fixtures — can create a more inviting atmosphere and allow light levels to be adjusted for various activities.

"We incorporate a mood light and ambient light for the experience," Rush Jenkins, the chief executive of WRJ Design, in Jackson, Wyoming, wrote in an email.

To bring in relaxing, atmospheric light without installing new wiring, one option is a portable LED lantern, said Hollis, who uses an Uma Sound Lantern from Pablo, which doubles as a speaker. "It's like a candle," she said. "And it moves around with me."

Finish it off

Using furniture and accessories that make it easy to keep your gym clean and tidy — and complete your workout without interruptions — will help you stick with an exercise routine.

If you'll have foam rollers, resistance bands or boxing gloves, think about where those items will live when you're not using them, Hilliard said. Cabinetry and case goods are ideal, but even a group of baskets on the floor can help.

Adding a bench, stool or chair provides a place to catch your breath between exercises, as well as a spot to throw a towel. And if you like watching TV or listening to music while you work out, and you don't plan to use a portable speaker or headphones, add audiovisual equipment to the room.

GADGETS

Hanasco Sonic Electric Toothbrush makes brushing a snap

By **Gregg Ellman**
Tribune News Service

The Hanasco Sonic Electric Toothbrush sure makes brushing teeth easy and effective.

The handheld rechargeable toothbrush is recommended for 13 years and older. It comes in four colors, each with a matte finish and a comfortable grip. Once turned on, it brushes with a power-

ful 38,000 vibrations per minute for micro-brush sonic dynamic cleaning. And according to Hanasco, the Sonic Electric Toothbrush "can drive fluid deep between your teeth and along the gum line for exceptional cleaning."

While that number might not mean much to you (or me), I can say after using the brush for more than a week that it does its job. The power is excellent,

and it never caused any pain. I have sensitive gums, and the brush is designed especially for sensitive teeth and gums, making it a perfect fit with a whole new brushing experience.

I'm probably brushing more with the Sonic Electric Toothbrush and its efficiency than a manual brush. Of course, getting advice from your dentist is always recommended.

A soft touch button on

the handle controls multiple settings: clean, white, polished, and gum care. Each has a specific strength to properly care for your teeth with the removable brush head.

The toothbrush comes with a USB charging base, and a four-hour charge is rated to be good for 30 days (brushing two times a day). If you charge over 14-18 hours, it should last for up to 45 days, depending on

usage. A low battery indicator reminds you when a charge is needed.

It's built with an IPX7 waterproof rating, making it perfect for use in the shower. The body is built with nano-materials, ensuring that mold or mildew won't build up. A two-minute smart timer reminds you every 30 seconds to change sides.

\$29.99, www.hanasco.com



The toothbrush comes with a USB charging base. **HANASCO**

REAL ESTATE MATTERS

A look at possible real estate trends in 2022

By Ilyce Glink and Samuel J. Tamkin
Tribune Content Agency

If only we could foretell the future, we'd have bought Apple stock at the start of the pandemic. While we can't look forward with that degree of certainty, Ilyce had some interesting conversations with real estate experts and industry observers at the recent National Association of Real Estate Editors conference about what real estate trends might take over the headlines in 2022. If you're thinking about buying, selling or investing in residential real estate next year, keep these trends in mind:

Trend 1: iBuyers are evolving. iBuyers are real estate companies that allow consumers to basically buy and sell on demand. They will buy your home for a price that its algorithms say is correct, allowing you the freedom of making a non-contingent or cash-like offer at will. But over time, some iBuyers have shifted their business models. Knock began as a traditional iBuyer, but over the past two years has evolved into a mortgage lender. They'll preapprove you for a mortgage, and provide you with a bridge loan for the down payment, allowing you to buy your new home first. Then, they will help you get your home prepped and staged to sell. And, if necessary, they'll buy your home if no one else will. Something Knock CEO/co-founder Sean Black said only has happened a handful of times. Of course, just because you call yourself a real estate technology company, also known as "prop-tech," doesn't mean you always get it right. Zillow shut down its iBuyer division,



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Zillow Offers, in November, acknowledging a potential loss of hundreds of millions of dollars, and said it was cutting its workforce by 25%. **Trend 2:** Interest rates are rising (this time, for real). Since the Great Recession, mortgage industry observers and economists have annually foretold the rising of interest rates. In 2010, the 30-year mortgage interest rates were around 4.69% but fell to the mid-3% range by 2012, according to Rocket Mortgage and mostly stayed there. At the end of 2018 and the beginning of 2019, mortgage rates hit 5.34% for a brief moment in time. But they quickly declined, and in January 2020, mortgage rates were back at around 3.7%. And, then COVID-19 hit, the Federal Reserve Bank lowered the federal funds rate to between 0 to 0.25%, and mortgage interest rates dropped below 3%. What happens now? Lawrence Yun, chief economist of the National Association of Realtors and Mike Fratantoni, chief economist of the Mortgage Bankers Association, agree that interest rates are scheduled to rise. And, Jerome Powell's recent pronouncement that the Federal Reserve will look to raise the federal funds rate three times in 2022, while phasing out its bond-buying program, make it likely

that mortgage rates will rise. If omicron (and future COVID-19 variants) doesn't require more federal intervention, Yun expects to see 30-year mortgage interest rates of 3.5% in 2022. In the meantime, lenders will be laying off more loan officers and staff as refinancings dwindle. They're hoping the purchase mortgage market stays red hot. **Trend 3:** Millennial and Gen Z home buyers may find buying is unaffordable. If interest rates rise much, millennials and Gen Z homebuyers will find it increasingly unaffordable to purchase their first home. And millennials account for the major-

ity of home buyers at the moment. U.S. homes appreciated at an annual rate of 18% in October, according to CoreLogic, which was the highest level recorded in the 45-year history of the index. If you were looking to buy a single-family home, those appreciated at a rate of 19.5%, another record high. That sort of growth, coming on the back of several years of double-digit price appreciation, is unsustainable. Since home prices are closely tied to income, something has to change: either people will have to earn more money, interest rates will have to stay low, or home prices will have to come down to get everything back in balance. In the meantime, the U.S. is about 5.24 million homes short (rentals, townhomes, condos, and single-family detached houses) and builders are focused on higher end developments. After all, if you'll get the same profit out of a million-dollar house as in building three or four \$250,000 homes, which would you choose? In our next column, we'll look at a few more real estate trends that are starting to bloom.

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Kitchen remodeling is an excellent job to start in winter. DREAMSTIME

HOME REMEDIES

Project planning for a new year

By Paul F. Pogue
Ask Angi

In 2022, home improvement contractors are expecting to be busier than ever. With the U.S. labor shortage and supply chain issues still in play as we enter the new year, planning ahead and preparing for your big projects is wise. The further ahead you can get on a contractor's schedule, the smoother your project is likely to go. Booking early gives you additional time for planning and design and more room for contractors to line up materials and labor. Here's a rundown of some major home projects and their costs, so you can start planning, budgeting and hiring right now.

Winter: Kitchen remodeling
National average: \$13,000-\$38,000
Remodeling your kitchen, the heart and hearth of your home, is one of the most rewarding projects a homeowner can take on. It can also be among the most costly and intimidating, so connecting with a reliable kitchen designer and contractor early on is a good idea. As a bonus, it has an excellent return on investment for your resale value.

The kitchen is often the home's social center, so think about how you want it to interact with the rest of the home when you're entertaining. **Spring: Adding an in-ground pool**
National average: \$36,000-\$66,500
Installing a swimming pool can add luxury like no other addition to your house. Pools offer many years of enjoyment, and an in-ground model can enhance your home's value. When hiring a swimming pool installer, take great care to research them and solicit multiple bids. A pool is a significant investment that may take several weeks to install, but if you start in the spring, you'll be splashing by summer. It's worth it to take extra time to get the right professional. **Summer: Roofing**
National average: \$5,500-\$11,600
Early summer is an ideal time to do a roofing job in most climates, since spring rain has stopped and late summer's heat and humidity haven't set in. A new roof is one of the most visible and expensive home improvements you can make. You'll want to carefully select your material choices and

contractor, because you'll be living with this change for decades. Protect your investment by verifying licensing, bonding and insurance, and only hiring vetted local pros. Material cost is the biggest impact on your final price. Slate is the most expensive option, followed by copper, aluminum, and steel. Slate and steel are some of the most robust materials you can buy, while copper and aluminum are long-lasting but easily dented. **Fall: Basement remodeling**
National average: \$12,000-\$33,000
In real estate, you can't technically factor a basement into a home's square footage. But a good basement renovation can make your home more attractive to buyers and increase resale value. Follow this rule when making your basement remodeling decisions: Finish the basement to fit your hobbies or lifestyle if you expect to live in your home for a long time. Kicking off a basement remodel in the fall will give you a comfortable place to hunker down with your hobbies come winter. If you're planning on selling your house soon, go with products and finishes that appeal to the broadest range of buyers.

TREASURES

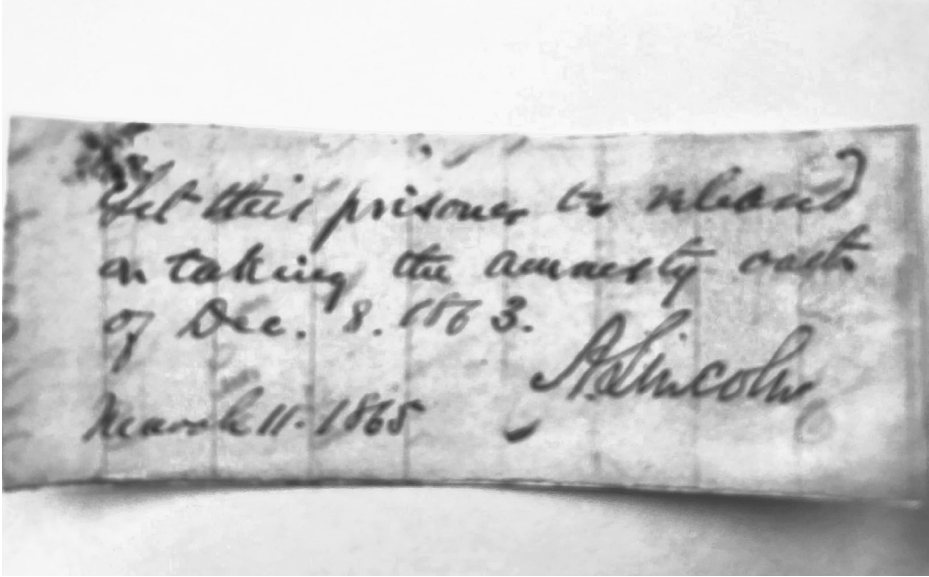
Note from Abraham Lincoln could be genuine document

By Helaine Fendelman and Joe Rosson
Tribune News Service

Q: This has been in my family for over 100 years. My father-in-law was a collector and may have gotten this when he lived in New York. I am interested in knowing the value.
A: The note on lined paper reads: "Let the prisoner be released on taking the amnesty oath of December 8, 1863." It is dated in lower left March 11, 1865, and signed "A. Lincoln." The amnesty oath referenced in this note begins, "I, _____, do solemnly swear in presence of Almighty God, that I will henceforth faithfully support, protect & defend the constitution of the United States and the Union of the States there under; and that I in like manner, abide by and faithfully support all acts of Congress passed during the existing rebellion with reference to slaves..." We will not judge the authenticity of the small piece of paper bearing the handwriting and signature of our 16th president

because there are so many excellent fakes and facsimiles out there. Although we have had a great deal of experience with Lincoln memorabilia, we feel strongly that an in-person examination by a specialist in the field is required to establish the worth of this small piece of American history. But we are willing to address some possibilities and discuss a past sale result or two. Abraham Lincoln memorabilia that can be associated directly with the president can be quite valuable. Collectors avidly seek any significant and authentic item that relates to the Civil War, and the small piece of paper rings the bell to a certain extent. The prisoner mentioned in the note was probably a prominent Confederate military officer, politician or diplomat. There is some indication the note may have been taken from a larger letter or document, and other similar examples do exist and have been sold. One dated Feb. 20, 1865, reads: "Let this man take the oath of Dec. 8, 1863 & be discharged." It too was

signed "A. Lincoln." This document measured 3 1/2 by 1 1/2 inches and sold at auction in 2003 for \$5,000. If the example in today's question proves to be genuine, we feel prices have risen a tad in the intervening years. It is our opinion that — if genuine, and that is a big if — it would bring less than \$6,000 at auction and the figure would more likely be around \$5,500. As for insurance replacement, we feel that would be in the \$10,000 to \$12,000 range — if it proves to be authentic. Incidentally, we think it has a decent chance of being genuine. *Helaine Fendelman and Joe Rosson have written a number of books on antiques. Do you have an item you'd like to know more about? Contact them at Joe.Rosson, 2504 Seymour Ave., Knoxville, TN 37917, or email them at treasures@knology.net. If you'd like your question to be considered for their column, include a high-resolution photo of the subject, which must be in focus, with your inquiry.*



This small piece of paper may have a large value. PROVIDED PHOTO/TNS

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK: 1474 Litchfield Turnpike, New Hartford

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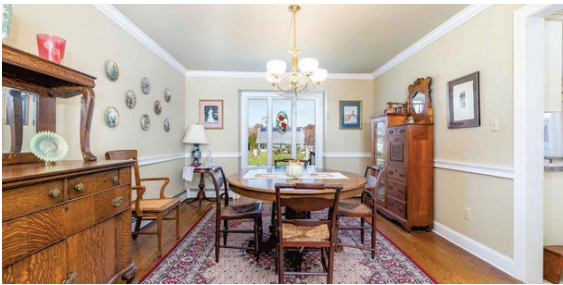
Property of the Week

Backyard Horse Farm in Connecticut’s Northwest Corner is a Hidden Gem

By Karen A. Avitabile

Have you ever dreamed of looking out your window and gazing at animals roaming around? That’s exactly what you can do on North Star Farm in New Hartford.

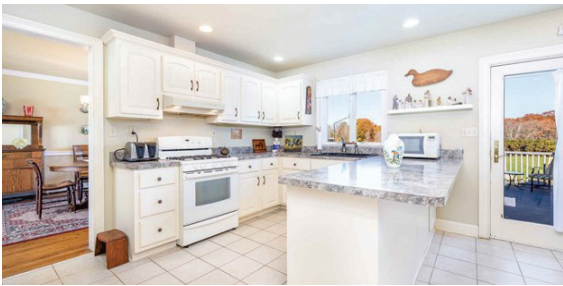
Nestled on nearly 25 acres is a rural idyllic backyard horse farm that revels in three grass pastures, six paddocks, a riding ring and a custom-built pole barn. Also situated on the property is an impressive split-level home which boasts 3,135 square feet of space. This incredible property, which borders a local winery and is only minutes to fabulous shops and restaurants, is listed at \$699,000.



“This is a very peaceful property,” Jennifer Roller, the listing real estate agent, says. “You can really live off the land.”

Currently home to five horses, one belonging to the owners, the farm grosses \$1,895 per month in boarding fees from the other four horses. Because the property is zoned farming, there is an annual reduction in taxes.

Over the years, the owners have relished in growing organic vegetables in their fenced 60-by-60 vegetable garden with raised beds. In addition, they have raised bees and have enjoyed making their own honey. An added bonus are the fruit trees on the property.



From Litchfield Turnpike or Route 202, take a long driveway to discover the property’s flat, open spaces and acres upon acres of green pastures. The front of the property shows off a seven-room home with three bedrooms and four bathrooms. Inside, you will find a warm and welcoming interior complete with two fireplaces, hardwood floors, recessed lighting, crown molding and a lower-level family room which can serve many uses.

Enter the home’s front door into a spacious foyer. On the left is the living room with a wood-burning fireplace, perfect for relaxing on a cold day. The room opens directly into the dining room which can easily entertain large numbers. The kitchen is adorned by stylish white cabinets, a ceramic farmhouse sink, a tile floor, a range hood and a separate desk area with cabinets that could double as a dry bar. The eat-in kitchen is bright and open and provides access to the deck.



Upstairs, three bedrooms and two full bathrooms are located off the extensive hallway. The primary



suite has a separate seating area, a walk-in closet and a ceiling fan. The attached bathroom is embellished with a large vanity, a jetted tub and a separate shower. The additional bedrooms offer lots of room and closet space. The main bathroom has a shower and a pedestal sink.

In 2008, the wheelchair-accessible family room on the lower level was finished and an attached covered patio with a fire pit was added outside the space. The large room can easily be transformed into an in-law apartment, an au pair suite or a primary suite. It can be used as an exercise room, a studio, a game room, an office or additional entertaining. There are one-and-a-half bathrooms and two separate living areas. One room is tiled and features built-in shelving and a wood-burning stove. Separated by a French door, the second room has wall-to-wall carpet and lots of windows.



The home, heated by oil, has a septic system and its own private well. Energy-efficient features include a programmable thermostat and ridge vents. Recently, the home was freshly painted and a new boiler was installed. Solar panels on the barn service the home as well. A two-car garage, which provides access to a large basement, is located underneath the home.

What may be the best part of this property is the operational horse farm in the backyard, containing its own fenced 60-by-100 foot, sand-filled riding ring with a French drain system installed underneath.

There is a 40-by-30 foot, six stall center-aisle pole barn with custom-built stalls and doors. Each stall has rubber mats and a safety-featured electrical outlet to accommodate a heated water bucket in the winter. The tack room can serve as a grain room, with a small cabinet for individual supplement containers and grain bins.



The barn has a heated water closet with a water hydrant, a large wash sink and shelving. There are inside and outside tie-up stations for grooming, showing or medical work for the animals. The center aisle floor is asphalt with a water drain and a bay for weekly hay supply.

In addition, the farm has six acres of electric fencing comprised of three grass pastures with access to a run-in shelter, and six paddocks equipped with

electrical outlets on a timer to accommodate outside heated water buckets in the winter. One storage shed serves double duty – for raising bees. A smaller one stores wood for the fireplaces. Machinery can be housed in the open-end Quonset hut on the property.



New Hartford, a small quiet community with less than 10,000 people, is located in idyllic Litchfield County and is home to farms, wineries and breweries. Referred to as a town for all seasons, New Hartford presents a variety of recreational activities, including skiing at the popular Ski Sundown ski area, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating, kayaking, skateboarding, tubing, boating, biking and swimming. The Farmington River flows through New Hartford and offers some of the best trout fishing in the area.



Many community events are held at Brodie Park, on the edge of West Hill Lake. The Pine Meadow Historic District, encompassing the historic 19th-century village of Pine Meadow, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Private showings of the home are underway. For property details, photos, a 3D interactive tour and floor plans, visit www.williampitt.com/agents/jenniferroller.

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PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

1474 Litchfield Turnpike, New Hartford

- Built: 1991
- Price: \$699,000
- Style: Split
- Rooms: 7
- Bedrooms: 3
- Baths: 3 full, 1 half
- Square footage: 3,135
- Acreage: 24.70
- Mill rate: 31.68
- Best feature: Long driveway leads to private outdoor oasis
- Contact: Jennifer Roller, (860) 459-0805, jroller@wpsir.com, www.williampitt.com/agents/jenniferroller

SIMSBURY

Unique opportunity for 4 unit income producing property consisting of two 2 family homes each with 1 bedroom and two bedroom apartments on the same lot in sought after town of Simsbury. One home was completely renovated down to the studs in 2020/2021. Spacious backyard and both homes share a driveway and there is plenty of off street parking on the property. \$395,000. 16-20 Elm Street, Simsbury, CT 06081. Jennifer Roller 860-459-0805, roller@williampitt.com



BARKHAMSTED

New Construction! This dream home features 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, attached 2 car garage on a private 2+ acre lot in the picturesque cul-de-sac neighborhood Kelsey Court. The open floor plan is an entertainer’s dream. Spacious, energy efficient home flooded with natural light and built to the highest quality standards. Image is a professional digital rendering. \$549,900. 10 Kelsey Court, Barkhamsted, CT 06063. Cathy McCahill 860-480-6760. cmccahill@williampitt.com

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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4 Kiely Ln, Scalzi, Melissa to Rodriguez, Jose D, 12/30, \$210,000
10 Condon Dr, Tinti Patricia Est and Haydu, Darlene T to Cardozo, Lana M and Balcastro, Josephine A, 12/29, \$275,000
12 Arbor Ter, Denigris, Eudora and US Bank NA to Dolor, Hyacinth, 12/29, \$201,500
140 Sunset Dr, Brown, Corey to Tiberi, Trevor and Tiberi, John V, 12/30, \$205,000

ASHFORD

Westford Rd, Walezczyk, Tambria A to Taylor, Beverly F and Taylor, Mark G, 12/29, \$72,800
81 Slade Rd, Horila, Frances M to Pavliscsak 3rd, Edward, 12/29, \$230,000

AVON

6 Thistle Holw Lot 6, Santagata, Peter to Wissel, Stephen J and Jacques, Sherry M, 12/17, \$400,000
7 Ivy Cv Lot 7, Helen P SILVERS RET and Silvers, Bruce C to Petersen, Joy, 12/13, \$325,000
11 Greencrest Rd, Soucier, Nadine to Hanjan, Vishal and Hanjan, Colby E, 12/16, \$571,000
11 Sycamore Ln Lot 11, Stratton, Frank A to Munn, Richard, 12/6, \$195,000
14 Breenthawn Dr 14, Janice E Dolfi FT and Dolfi, Sam to Juliano, James, 12/20, \$429,000
14 Madison Ln Lot 14, F JP&Pauline S Pare RET and Pare, Fernand J to Zachariah, Melissa and Zachariah, Gary, 12/10, \$492,500
19 Greenwich Ln Lot 19, Magnusen, Cynthia K to Figliola, Patrick M and Figliola, Gail E, 12/21, \$355,000
23 Chestnut Dr Lot 23, 23 Chestnut Drive LLC to Morgese, Michael M, 12/20, \$220,000
27 Eddy St, Demayo, Eileen P to Maric, Ines, 12/22, \$334,000
51 Briar Hill Rd, Harrison, Thomas F and Harrison, Lorraine to Anzmann, Emily, 12/15, \$575,000
55 Orchard Farms Ln, Tolla, Robin and Lloyd, Graeme to Khan, Zohaib and Khan, Raveeda, 12/20, \$625,000
55 Orchard St, Best Built LLC to Spencer, Kathryn L, 12/8, \$489,000
56 Brookridge Dr, Seong, Neil N to Valinho, Carlos, 12/13, \$490,000
64 Mallard Dr, Pattrell, Megan K to Dagostino, Tom D and Kennedy, Bethany J, 12/8, \$206,000
73 Bronson Rd, Nelson, Mabel E and Nelson, Robert K to Mammad, Tawfik, 12/21, \$259,000
85 Forge Dr, Gryczewski, Marzena to Trapzso, Kasia, 12/21, \$525,000
110 Court St, Munn, Richard K to Hamm Homes LLC, 12/7, \$168,000
111 Simsbury Rd Lot 3, Bank Of America NA to 111 Simsbury Road LLC, 12/13, \$132,000
142 Mallard Dr Lot 142, Mcdermott, Jessica L to Adams, Mary B, 12/8, \$163,000
239 Old Farms Rd, Deloureiro, Lauren M to Nofereit 1 LP, 12/20, \$84,000
55 Deercliff Rd, Deanna S Kramer QPRT and Kramer, Todd K to Landry, Jonathan P, 12/10, \$875,000
872 W Avon Rd, Bridgman, James M and Bridgman, Joyce R to Payton Property Mgmt LLC, 12/14, \$236,000

BEACON FALLS

27 Bayberry Ct, Eg Home LLC to Pattysyn, Brian D and Pattysyn, Deborah A, 12/30, \$576,141
80 Wolfe Ave, Scheithe Sharon L Est and Scheithe, Donald E to GNM Properties LLC, 12/27, \$212,000
87 Munson Rd, Anderson, Judith to Papcun, Michael, 12/27, \$262,000
115 Feldspar Ave, Velez, John to Greene, Kenneth S and Greene, Kathleen A, 12/28, \$197,000

BERLIN

Meadow Ln, Paventi, Terri and Daleo 3rd, Joseph to Melse, Robin, 12/16, \$365,000
66 Heather Ln, Damore, Mare D to Orde Jr, Ronald and Orde, Lisa M, 12/29, \$274,000
106 Silver Rdg, Payer, Wilfred R to Chippello, Michele M, 12/14, \$225,000
219 Hawthorne Dr, Patel Sumati Est and Patel, Divyesh to Dann, Lisa L, 12/20, \$325,000
219 Silver Rdg, Patel Sumati Est and Patel, Divyesh to Dann, Lisa L, 12/20, \$325,000
230 Deming Rd, Deming Enterprises LLC to Artisan Holdings LLC, 12/28, \$460,000
268 Stony Mill Ln Lot 268, Damato, Thomas M and Young, Patricia D to Cyr, Kevin D and Cyr, Joann M, 12/30, \$293,000
319 New Britain Rd Lot 115, Jackowitz, Kenneth E and Jackowitz, Felice M to Jqbal, Rosa, 12/13, \$130,000
860 Worthington Rdg, Mathews, Michael G to Boswell, Eric, 12/13, \$420,000
1275 Northington Rdg, Philbin, Ellen R to Najda, Sarah E, 12/22, \$225,000

BETHANY

14 Bethridge Rd, Flynn, Michelle to Ramanath, Rohit G, 12/28, \$430,000
28 Marion Rd, Olenechuk, Nichole A to Jennings, Kimberly L, 12/28, \$280,000

BETHEL

1 Ballfield Rd, Dasilva, Michelle R to Elevated Realty Group LLC, 12/27, \$205,000
18 Waterhorse Brook Dr, Kulp, Jacqueline P to Mulvaney, James, 12/28, \$315,000
41 Durant Ave, Durant Self Storage Inc to Prime Storage Bethel LLC, 12/27, \$1,610,000
44 Oak Ridge Rd, Gavidia, Edgar and Gavidia, Morena to Johnson, Shelby and Sandhir, Priya, 12/28, \$475,000
89 Chestnut St Lot B, Viochar Properties LLC to Nader, Barbara, 12/29, \$255,000

BLOOMFIELD

Old Windsor Rd, Jodice, Ronald E to Jodice, William L, 12/27, \$840,000
9 Beach Rd, Deal House Cap Fund 1 LLC to S&P Properties LLC, 12/28, \$92,500
14 Jeffrey Ln, Cuyler, Tammi F to Grant, Brandy and Grant, Shane, 12/23, \$230,000
16 Jerome Ave, Kriwitsky, Amy to 25 Jerome Ave LLC, 12/28, \$256,000
98 E Harold St, Thomas Sharon D Est and Mays Jr, William to Major, Denise L and White, Lorna T, 12/28, \$175,000

BOLTON

34 Maple Valley Rd, Krupski, Amy B and Krupski, Kevin to Nottage, Joshua J and Rosano, Ashley, 12/27, \$520,000
Bluff Ave, Wibhey, Francisw J to Mateljan, Jamie, 12/22, \$655,000
N Branford Rd, Riccio, Joseph and Defusco, Elizabeth to Goodwin, Joseph, 12/16, \$350,000
N/A, Monaco, Karen to Recchia, Glenn, 12/10, \$125,000
N/A, Austin, Christopher J and Austin, Alyson to Tripodi, Brian, 12/9, \$227,800
4 Howard Ave, Carfora 3rd, Albert J and Rossi, Carolyn J to Wilkinson, Thomas E and Wilkinson, Deborah L, 12/21, \$857,000
11 Lusia Ct Lot 27, Donkar Contracting LLC to Akin, Bertan and Akin, Jill M, 12/20, \$609,983
14 Waterside Rd, Iannuzzi, Kelly M to Hilgert, Jill, 12/16, \$1,100,000
16 Mona Ave, Almo, Amy to Richardson, Carol A, 12/27, \$365,000
17 Whitting Farm Rd, Carole Anne Shaff LT and Donlin, Christopher J to Goggia, Stephen M and Goggia, Marydawn, 12/28, \$500,000
19 Leetes Island Rd, Pamela Gould T and Hart, Michael L to Pisaturo, Anthony J, 12/27, \$99,000
25 Florence Rd Lot 49, Cavaliere, Nicholas and Cavaliere, Janet to Mclean, Karin T, 12/23, \$173,000
29 Sagamore Cove Rd, Hawaiian Yankee RE LLC to Datri, Constance C, 12/21, \$875,000
30 Blackstone Ave, Robert J Centello 3rd LT and Centello 3rd, Robert J to Ertelt, Pamela J, 12/17, \$880,000
34 Hampton Park Lot 34, Cordova, Marcelo to Mccigniny, Frances, 12/23, \$272,500
37 Limewood Ave, Helix Felix Island LLC to Green Island LLC, 12/28, \$2,350,000

45 Jefferson Rd Lot 2M, Gonsalves, Marie to Dolyak-Fabian, Lisa M, 12/22, \$115,000
45 Limewood Ave, Helix Felix Island LLC to Green Island LLC, 12/28, \$2,350,000
45 Squaw Brook Rd, Strazar, Timothy F to Davidson, Nancy and Hocevar, Dawn, 12/16, \$435,000
80 Johnsons Point Rd, Curtiss, Douglas M to Armstrong FT and Armstrong, Howard L, 12/16, \$2,321,000
111 Monticello Dr Lot 111, Ayotte, Sarah to Jara-Espinoza, Mireya P and Campoverde, Alex A, 12/17, \$155,000
124 S Montowese St Lot 20, Mcpartland James B Sr Est and Mcpartland Jr, James B to Mcpartland James B Sr Est and Meiri, Zipora, 12/15, \$245,000
136 Turtle Bay Dr Lot 136, Zaleta, Michael R and Zaleta, Kelly M to Rose, Melissa, 12/10, \$380,900
186 Damascus Rd, Slowik, Joel to Slater, Todd M and Chavez, Kiel E, 12/20, \$525,000
202 Thimble Island Rd, Colville, Thomas to Datri, Constance C, 12/20, \$775,000
211 E Main St Lot 127, Piagentini, Kimberly A and Piagentini, Michael C to Kewalramani, Prakash, 12/8, \$144,900
650 Main St, Vailette, Thomas A and Vailette, Anna B to Silver Linings Dev LLC, 12/10, \$325,000

BRIDGEPORT

French St, Westberg, Kevin R to ABC RE Investors LLC, 12/21, \$365,000
Rock Gardens Cooperative Lot 107, Geller Georgiana Est and Solomon, Greta E to Black Rock Gdns Coop Inc, 12/21, \$69,000
Route 25, Daddario Const Co Inc to Oh My Garland LLC, 12/22, \$38,500
Seaside Village Homes Lot 254, Pagan, Ramon L and Suarez, Maria E to Johnson, Twana, 12/21, \$49,900
Wade St, Campbell, Richard S to Fontan, Elvira and Morales, Rene, 12/28, \$500,000
N/A, Edwards, Patricia to Kalecci, Qame and Vergez, Adam, 12/20, \$200,000
18 Sims St, Kohler, Cheryl and Roos, Frederick to Noonan, Thomas X and Noonan, Tina A, 12/22, \$35,000
25 Garland St, Daddario F Francis Est and Daddario, David to Oh My Garland LLC, 12/22, \$361,125
25 Garland St, Benedetto Joan D Est and Benedetto, John M to Oh My Garland LLC, 12/22, \$120,375 30 Dover St, Vasquez, Bettie to White, Rosalee E, 12/27, \$310,000
30 Stevens St Lot 106, Cardoso, Aoarecida E and Eleusa, Cardoso A to Shobey, Rachem and Wright, Kerrida, 12/22, \$109,900
33-35 Lee Ave, Bridgeport City Of to Ramos, Juan and Roman, Carmen, 12/29, \$10,000
36 Oakleaf St, Austin, Oval R to Ayala, Victor A, 12/21, \$315,000
36-38 Pleasant St, 90 Daysunlimited LLC to New Vision RE LLC, 12/27, \$245,000
37 Haddon St Lot 4, Menge, Catherine M to Studebaker, Kristopher, 12/21, \$140,000
37 Maplewood Ave, Barreira, Idalina to All Good Holdings LLC, 12/22, \$350,000
52-54 Hanover St, Circular&Waldorf&Hanover to Gregory, Carolina, 12/28, \$346,000
60 Kathryn Dr, Clarke, Sonia and Tyson, Eric to Fernandez, Gila, 12/22, \$432,500
60-62 4th Al, Alam, Nurul to Saboor, Iqramu-haq M, 12/29, \$59,000
61 Aldine Ave, Mitchell, Joseph F and Mitchell, Mary M to Rapp, Mifitar, 12/22, \$307,000
61 Arthur St, Nicpers Holdings LLC to Vonbrauchitsch, Noreen and Vonbrauchitsch, William E, 12/21, \$590,000
68 Hanover St, Calderon, Hilbert V to Cabrera, Elizabeth T and Calderon, Hilbert, 12/22, \$200,000
82 Fayerweather Ter, Wargo, Joseph G to Gibson, Joy B, 12/21, \$370,000
103 Garfield Ave, Valente, Alice and Valente, Lucio to 101-103 Garfield Ave LLC, 12/22, \$450,000
107 Coleman St, Agatston, Roger C and Ditch Financial LLC to Acosta, Segundo M, 12/22, \$200,000
115 Kingsbury Rd, Miller, Cynthia to Gutierrez, Walter A and Melendez, Rosaura O, 12/22, \$205,000
115 Plattville Rd, North Shore Leasing&Fund to Berger, Brian D, 12/23, \$452,000
120 Huntington Tpke Lot 301, Makh Properties LLC to Johnson Enterprises LLC, 12/20, \$62,000
120 Midland St, Wood, Adam and Wood, Kerry to Morrison, Jeffrey, 12/27, \$630,000
123 Stoehrs Pl, Teixeira, Fernanda to Dutan, Alba M and Gordillo, Angel R, 12/28, \$392,500
127 Calhoun Ave, Esteves Jr, Valdemar to Glez, Rafael, 12/28, \$135,000
128 Wilcox St, Peoples United Bank to Desouza, Aderiserve L and Luber, Desouza A, 12/23, \$250,000
133 Vincellette St, Provenzano, Judith to Skokos, Eleni, 12/21, \$160,000
135 Dogwood Dr, Brantley, Teresa to Ovalles, Anthony, 12/29, \$355,000
135-139 Princeton St, Perez, Antona M and Perez, Hector A to 135 Princeton St LLC, 12/29, \$477,500
138-140 Roston Ave, Meredith, Jasmine to Fajardo, Wilson E and Lituma, Jaime R, 12/27, \$425,000
140 Edna Ave, Hinds Marion Est and Pileski, Ellen to Rosario, Janeen, 12/28, \$300,000
150 Beachview Ave Lot 308, Jones, Kathleen M and Laukhuf, Shannon to Camp, Joshua B, 12/27, \$210,000
154 Chestnut St Lot 154, Masso, Renee to CGC Properties LLC, 12/27, \$71,000
164-166 Jefferson St, Artis, Thelma to Catalina, Nivelo L and Loja, Jose P, 12/27, \$190,000
167 Holly St, Wright Team LLC to Bennett, April and Gabness, Camar, 12/23, \$383,000
175 Clark St, Dasilva, Manuel to Ashika, Scarlett S and Powell, Claudette, 12/27, \$462,000
175-179 Wilson St, Troknya, Michael to Appalneni, Mallikarajuna R and Appalneni, Smitha, 12/22, \$505,000
176 King St, Contreras, Adolfo V and Villegas, Felix to Orjuela, Gloria S and Suarez, Orjuela G, 12/28, \$295,000
200 Woodmont Ave Lot 121, Mfira T 01 to Medina, Gustavo and Medina, Lucilene, 12/28, \$135,000
229 Merriam St, Buswell Mfg Co Inc to 229 Merriam St Prop LLC, 12/28, \$51,203
252 Bear Paw Rd, Cimmino Jr, Michael A to Delorenzo, Anthony N, 12/21, \$257,500
254-260 Gregory St, Thomas, Byron L to Imran, Maria and Masood, Imran, 12/27, \$245,000
262-264 Pixlee Pl, 262 Pixlee Place LLC to Leboeuf, Tatjana, 12/28, \$285,000
263-265 Lindley St, Fernandes Paving LLC to A&A Crane&Rigging LLC, 12/22, \$160,000
266-268 Seaview Ave, Sandoval, Beatriz to Delcastillo, Amarillis and Delcastillo, Jose, 12/20, \$292,000
280-282 Beechmont Ave, Yanez, Berta and Yanez, German to White, Stacey, 12/23, \$410,000
293 Olive St, Diaz, Anna to Thomas, Sandra, 12/23, \$197,500
294 Nancy Dr, Hernandez, Carmen E to Ball, Frank and Milnrad, Michael J, 12/28, \$335,000
323-325 Pearl Harbor St, 323-325 PHS LLC to Lafayette, Andres, 12/27, \$236,000
325 Lafayette St Lot 5105, Mauro, David to Olivo, David, 12/23, \$184,300
333 Vincellette St 58, Jacobs, Daisy to Gaytan, Leonardo V, 12/29, \$150,000
358 Willow St, Maimon, Abraham to Smith, Sandra, 12/23, \$185,000
367 Jackson Ave, Dematos, Camile F to Saudia, Subhan B and Subhan, Nawazu-deen, 12/20, \$289,000
367-369 Bishop Ave, Beltrand, Trey to Moncayo, Mauricio, 12/28, \$399,000
368 Lynne Pl, Ramalho, Caroline to Thompson, Leola, 12/28, \$413,000
460 Woodlawn Ave Ext, Senecharles, Ruth and Senecharles, Steven to Pine, Danielle and Pine, Jon, 12/21, \$414,000
468 East Ave, Majducky, Patricia A and Majducky, Patricia J to Gonzalez, Gloria, 12/20, \$175,000
476-486 Brooks St, Mendez, Edward and Mendez, Nancy to Lionheart Hldg Prp 2 LLC, 12/29, \$520,000
527 William St, Nuila, Miguel A to Tecpanecati, Maria T and Tecuapetlla, Tecpanecati M, 12/20, \$299,000

539 Glendale Ave Lot 539, Rodrigues, Silvana M to Apple, Claudette B, 12/28, \$210,000
567 Queen St, Vahora, Samir and Vohra, Farida to Meliora Investments LLC, 12/21, \$230,000
603 Wayne St, Escobar, John H and Escobar, Maritza to Demaccedo, Heder C, 12/23, \$424,000
685 W Taft Ave, Rodriguez, Doreen A and Rodriguez, Victor M to Latibeaudiere, Carol and Walker, Michael, 12/22, \$365,000
928-936 Hancock Ave, Wang, Linyue to 928 Hancock LLC, 12/22, \$690,000
1381 Norman St, Dumitre, Robert to Lucien Investors LLC, 12/20, \$170,000
1545 Old Town Rd, Nova Development LLC to Toledo, Andy C and Toledo, Yariliz, 12/22, \$400,000
2335 Madison Ave, Arboleda, Inez to Europa, Laura, 12/28, \$295,000
3200 Madison Ave Lot 15, Atia, David and Osorio, Martha L to Veale, Kaylah, 12/28, \$245,000
3200 Park Ave Lot 5D2, Sherman, Betty to Braun, Jennifer and Braun, Joshua, 12/21, \$180,000
3250 Fairfield Ave Lot 309, Stopa, Casey to Dammeier, Elaine, 12/22, \$280,000

BRISTOL

Bradley St, Copper Ledges Tennis Inc to Gorman, John, 12/28, \$55,000
Village St Lot 36, Industrial Builders&Rlty to Amco Development LLC, 12/30, \$100,000
5 Lewis St, Budhai, Nirmala to Tapia, Xavier D, 12/27, \$225,000
32 Southdown Dr, Shams, Christopher M to Wijdan, Raza S and Wijdan, Malallah, 12/27, \$520,000
45 Fox Den Rd, Dalfino, Susan to Kirouac, Eugene, 12/27, \$150,000
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336 Matthews St, Crispino, Dennis to Crispino, Grant, 12/30, \$75,000
366 Park St, Stalney, Tina M and Bank Of America NA to Bank Of America NA, 12/27, \$95,056
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1325 Farmington Ave Lot 41, Larosa Janice Est and Larosa, Michael to Cercone, Nicholas A, 12/27, \$245,900

BROOKFIELD

1 Whitconier Vlg Lot 1, Stafford C Mead Sr RET and Mead, Stafford C to Cutro, Ronald and Cutro, Kimberly, 12/27, \$230,000
27 Hillside Cir, Dang, Jacqueline and Dang, Thanh to Vargas Jr, Alberto and Vargas, Ana M, 12/27, \$410,000
42 Hidden Brook Dr, Shalett, Jesse E and Shalett, Amy M to Varva, Louise, 12/27, \$622,000
51 Carmen Hill Rd, Sohi, Peter J and Sohi, Laura L to Hogan, Kenneth and Hogan, Ellen, 12/30, \$580,000
53 Ironworks Hill Rd, Chrste, Philip and Chrste, Regina C to Carrasco, Pedro, 12/27, \$622,000
874 Federal Rd, 874 Federal Road LLC to TE Brookfield LLC, 12/30, \$2,080,000

BROOKLYN

345 Day St, Weaver&Sons LLC to Swift, Marc E, 12/27, \$385,000
BURLINGTON
Milford St, Bryant, Gerald F to 54 Milford Street LLC, 12/29, \$30,000
6 Hill Top, Northwest Custom Hm LLC to Frauenhofer, David J and Bierut, Kelly A, 12/28, \$696,964
27 Woodcrest Dr Lot 6, Ferris, Kenneth C and Ferris, Mary L to Briggs, Lori, 12/27, \$135,000
38 Milford St, Trapanese, David K to Fisher, James and Fisher, Wanda, 12/28, \$355,000
97 Davis Rd, Folders, Thomas to Vincent Capital LLC, 12/27, \$75,000

CANTON

Church St, Aarons-Corman, Wendy E and Naparstek, Donna J to Munson, Robert M and Kocis, Stephen P, 12/22, \$700,000
10 Windmill Ln, Brook View Developers LLC to Hilby, Jason and Hilby, Elizabeth, 12/27, \$671,869
17 Gracey Rd, Travers, Natalie J to Francis, Judith P and Francis, David R, 12/29, \$346,000
28 High Hill Rd, Lucas Barrett R Est and Lucas, Dana to Vers, Laszlo L, 12/21, \$122,000
221 Bahre Corner Rd, Morante, Daniel E and Morante, Kirby R to Dixon, Shane, 12/22, \$400,000
CHESHIRE
3 Edgemoor Rd, Mian, Muhammad to Russo, Elijah J and Russo, Alexis N, 12/27, \$210,000
6 Inverness Ct, Pinnacle Land Dev LLC to Ahmed, Huraish and Ahmed, Aziez, 12/29, \$724,930
25 Brittany Ct, Milner, Mary S to Bialecki, Richard and Kaplan, Allison, 12/29, \$30 Grandview Ct, Hylle Products Inc to 30 Grandview Court LLC, 12/30, \$1,750,000
44 Currier Woods Lot B9, Shaquari, Nazmije to Kumar, Vinod, 12/27, \$280,000
77 Far Horizon Dr, Mellillo, Diana J to Mellilo, Robert A, 12/27, \$475,000
99 Realty Dr, Clearview McKinley Estates to Anderson, Robert J and Anderson, Cathleen M, 12/30, \$811,000
325 Redstone Dr, Fleischmann, Peter A and Fleischmann, Kristi K to Schiavi, Regina C and Schiavi, Jeffrey, 12/27, \$430,000
362 Mount Sanford Rd, Christmass 2 LLC to Pinnacle Land Dev LLC, 12/29, \$260,000
665 Quinnipiac Ct, Butler, Richard J and Butler, Lynn M to Chen, Yikai and Wu, Minhui, 12/30, \$525,000

CLINTON

E Main St, Campanaro Joseph Est and Gaitas, Rachel to R&B Strong LLC, 12/27, \$200,000
2 Rocky Ledge Dr, Lizotte, Aiden and Jolly, Elizabeth K to Ortiz, Edyn R, 12/27, \$201,000
5-A Loop Rd Lot 5A, Kana, Richard G and Kana, Donna M to Carrano, Frank A and Clark, Tracy L, 12/29, \$130,000
12 Nutmeg Dr, Raasch, Mark W and Raasch, Katrina L to Crescenzi, Melissa B, 12/28, \$252,500
15 Bluff Ave, Currier, Mary L to Fargis, Gwendolyn H, 12/27, \$325,000
17 West Rd, Truglio, Paul M and Truglio, Francine O to Halprin, Matthew J, 12/28, \$1,720,000
23 Stonewall Ln, New Eng Facility Maintena to Bienia, David and Bienia, Sarah, 12/27, \$519,900
36 Founders Vlg Lot 36, CAL Inv Group LLC to Pace Homes Properties LLC, 12/27, \$105,000
48 Groveway, Dewhirst, Brian J and Dewhirst, Linda M to Kruglak, Carl R and Kruglak, Amy J, 12/29, \$846,000
62 E Main St, Dancer, Mary and Elliot 3rd, Henry M to Keating, Edward and Keating, Rebecca, 12/27, \$183,214
101 Long Hill Rd, Strothers, Gordon to Strothers, Robert A, 12/29, \$299,000
280 E Main St Lot E7, Castrodonnati, Joe A to Ramsey, Brent A, 12/28, \$150,000

COLCHESTER

176 Kent Rd S, Marchetti, Joseph to Pequignot, Aaron S and Nordskog, Ingrid K, 12/27, \$150,000
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COLUMBIA

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290 Lebanon Ave, 200 Lebanon Ave LLC to Ark Station LLC, 12/27, \$190,000
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REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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49 Benton Hill Rd, Pappagallo, Andrew J to Day, Donald J and Minda, Stephanie R, 12/29, \$359,000

294 Roode Rd, Minta Jr, John and Minta, Susan C to Emmerthal, Douglas F and Emmerthal, Carol M, 12/30, \$170,000

GROTON

62 Burgess Pl, Burgess-Russotti, Cindy A and Moon, Bonnie J to Espinal, Carlos A, 12/28, \$240,000

GUILFORD

Durham Rd, Monahan 2nd, Patrick J to Baker, Christie, 12/21, \$313,000

Mulberry Point Rd, Trudy Brekus 2012 IRT and Willis, Joseph R to Catherine A Brekus T and Brekus, Catherine A, 12/27, \$546,500

9 Village Victoria Lot 9, Toro, Marta to Regina Keifer T and Keifer, Joseph M, 12/21, \$440,000

18 Granite Rd Lot 18, Shapiro, Judith M to Dauphinais, Jennifer C, 12/27, \$156,000

110 Podunk Rd, Harbour, Perry D and Oh-Harbour, Sung H to Russo, Michael A, 12/21, \$685,000

280 Little Meadow Rd, Barretta Jerome F Est and Barretta, James V to Oconnell, Martin C and Oconnell, Leah E, 12/30, \$335,000

379 Whitfield St Lot AN236, Haney, Roy K and Haney, Anna M to Bo Global LLC, 12/28, \$30,000

397 Church St, Kotowski, Gail S to Tartagni, Joseph D, 12/23, \$300,000

869 N Madison Rd, Clark, Douglas C and Moschella, Mary C to Backner, Thomas and Schultz, Erika, 12/21, \$629,000

1486 Boston Post Rd, Sunset Creek Dev LLC to 1486 Boston Post Road LLC, 12/30, \$775,000

HAMDEN

Circular Ave, Kush Radha LLC to Docs Realty LLC, 12/23, \$511,000

Fairview Ave, Jordan BL LLC to Lewis, Yasheka, 12/23, \$240,000

N/A, Porto Lance Edward Est and Dorazio, Helene to Viscuso, Angelo and Viscuso, Marie, 12/28, \$35,000

12 Armstrong St, Huggins, Barbara C and Huggins, Lebroty to Short, Candra S, 12/27, \$272,000

14 Westerfield Rd, Pursell, Thomas B and Towd Point Mortgage T to Bailey, Sherry, 12/23, \$152,300

20 Cannon St, Waynemathews LLC to Schi-ano, Maria F, 12/27, \$247,500

20 Vernon St, Smith, David E and Smith, Marjorie J to 40 Vernon Court LLC, 12/27, \$149,000

38 Homestead Ave, Bermudez, Carmen to Quichimbo, Carlos and Quichimbo, Carlos J, 12/27, \$229,900

39 Building Brook Rd, Ruiz, William to Zepe-da-Garcia, Susana, 12/29, \$50,000

41 Fallon Dr, Orle, Vivian T to Wilson, Shaquetta and Tomlin Sr, Davon, 12/27, \$300,000

50 Savoy St, Oconnor, James and Wilmington Svgs Fund Soc to Wilmington Svgs Fund Soc, 12/28, \$175,400

66 N Lake Dr Lot D1, Hatipoglu, Duygu to Wilhelm, Raagan and Wilhelm, Matthew, 12/27, \$125,000

172 Country Hills Rd, White Helen M Est and White, Stephen M to Zheng, Junying, 12/29, \$262,000

215 Foote St, Ralph S Ferriolo RET and Ferriolo, Ralph S to Mateo, George and Hernandez, Ileana, 12/27, \$280,000

230 Benham St, Hall, John to Melillo, Matthew and Marrero, Kyleigh, 12/28, \$267,000

288 Davis St, Pankratz, Allegra to Ahmed, Telal H, 12/27, \$263,000

304 Pine Rock Ave, Castellon, William R and Castellon, Judith S to V20 Properties LLC, 12/29, \$35,000

306 Pine Rock Ave Lot D13, A&Yu Hamden Prop LLC to Matsuyuk, Vasily V and Matsuyuk, Lyudmyla A, 12/29, \$64,000

935 Sherman Ave, Botte Enterprise LLC to 321 Shepard Avenue LLC, 12/23, \$370,000

2884 Dixwell Ave, 2880 Old Dixwell Ritty LLC to Real Estate Of Hamden LLC, 12/23, \$2,065,000

2890 Dixwell Ave, 2880 Old Dixwell Ritty LLC to Real Estate Of Hamden LLC, 12/23, \$2,065,000

HARTFORD

1 Gold St Lot 27K, Bannerman, Brian and Bannerman, Dawn to Kaufman, Daniel R, 12/30, \$290,000

1 Linden Pl Lot 509, Mckernan, Kevin R and Mckernan, Kathryn to Aristilde, Dave, 12/27, \$179,900

14 Franklin Ave Lot A, Codrington, Deborah to Hooten, Corey A, 12/28, \$115,000

26 Sequin St, Scott, Stephanie and Wells Fargo Bank NA to Wells Fargo Bank NA, 12/27, \$97,860

33-35 Ward Pl, Almeida, Jose and Almeida, Isaura to Huguley, Taniqua, 12/27, \$119,000

51-53 Russ St, Santos Hubert J Est and Santos, Thelma to Levin, Paul S and Levin, Emmanuelle, 12/27, \$300,000

59 Pliny St, Kelly, Byron to Williams, Earl, 12/29, \$265,000

72 Stononia Ave, Henton Clova L Est and Brown, Rohan to Drakeford, Thyatira, 12/27, \$184,746

73 Bulkeley Ave, Parreira, Marcolino to Carma 73 LLC, 12/28, \$115,000

84 Westminster St, Daley, Patrick W to Palmer, Dorine, 12/29, \$213,000

132-134 Newbury St, Cuadros, Ismael to Rosa, Ashley M, 12/29, \$355,000

148 Bartholomew Ave, Adjuster Properties LLC to Gilewski, Jan, 12/28, \$50,000

162-168 Washington St, Brother LLC to Friends Realty LLC, 12/30, \$630,000

187 Cheshire St, Green Remodeling LLC to Stjusste, Gelda L, 12/30, \$250,000

256-258 Mather St, Mather St Development LLC to 256 Mather LLC, 12/27, \$330,000

257 Jefferson St, Hazley, Damien L to Pesky Properties LLC, 12/30, \$120,000

337 Campfield Ave, Sulejmanovic, Avdo and Sulejmanovic, Muniba to Htoo, Mune and Oo, Lwe, 12/29, \$215,000

881-885 Broad St, 14 Spencer LLC and US Bank NA to US Bank NA, 12/29, \$547,426

HARTLAND

196 Center St, Wilcox, David R to Caldwell, Patricia and Caldwell, Jason, 12/29, \$245,000

HEBRON

John Horton Blvd, Hebron Senior Living LLC to Wovj Hebron LLC, 12/28, \$30,000,000

57 Lake Rd, Mch Loan T 4 to Bennett, Todd and Bennett, Toni L, 12/28, \$190,100

KILLINGLY

16 Jefferson Dr, Culbert, Raymond A and Culbert, Myra L to Sardo, Casey and Hock, Gregory D, 12/28, \$305,000

49 Orange St, Gaudreau, Albert A and Hoyt, Nancy A to Vaughan, Phoenix and Vaughan, Jasmine R, 12/22, \$270,000

50 Upper Downs Dr, Marcoux, Kevin M and Marcoux, Cary A to Walker, Scott A, 12/27, \$73,000

146 North St, Oleary, Daniel T to Dumais, Gerald, 12/29, \$50,000

KILLINGWORTH

21 Cranberry Meadow Ln, Fitzner, William G and Fitzner, Kim M to Roncallo, John A and Roncallo, Bernadette J, 12/29, \$129,500

38 Buell Hill Rd, Vivero, Patrick V and Vivero, Elaine to Bonwill Enterprises LLC, 12/28, \$725,000

101 Route 148, Howard, Rose A to Dasilva, Gilson A, 12/30, \$320,000

LEBANON

Diane Dr, Rural Hsng Svc and USA Tr to Hughes, Tonya and Hughes, Mark, 12/28, \$67,000

60 W Island Beach Rd, Kinney, Tonya L to Dias, Tyler, 12/28, \$257,500

82 Bender Rd, Bidwaell-Williams, Susan to Brown, Jordan and Brown, Rachel, 12/30, \$305,000

105 Lakeside Dr, Cobb, Dawn T to Albert, Cindy L, 12/28, \$28,000

1230 Trumbull Hwy, Rural Hsng Svc and

USA Tr to Hughes, Tonya and Hughes, Mark, 12/28, \$67,000

LEDYARD

1 Sleepy Hollow Pentway, Vidas, Joshua A to Malek, Luke and Malek, Kyla, 12/27, \$242,500

9 Stone Ct, Yetter, Erica R to Dore, Charles W, 12/27, \$235,000

39 Ash Dr Lot 2, Iron Realty LLC to Gaffney, Amber M, 12/28, \$143,000

59 Meeting House Ln, Cascade Funding Mortgage to Lamboy Jr, Raymond S, 12/27, \$164,350

69 Homestead Rd, Perron, Richard A and Perron, Carrie J to Hillebrecht, Jason, 12/27, \$646,000

69 Homestead Rd Lot 117, Perron, Richard A and Perron, Carrie J to Hillebrecht, Jason, 12/27, \$646,000

69 Homestead Rd Lot 118, Perron, Richard A and Perron, Carrie J to Hillebrecht, Jason, 12/27, \$646,000

69 Homestead Rd Lot 119, Perron, Richard A and Perron, Carrie J to Hillebrecht, Jason, 12/27, \$646,000

73 Stoddards Wharf to Price, Earnest P and Price, Whitney Rosey, Benjamin, 12/27, \$310,000

104 Thomas Rd, Weber Mauriel Doris Est and Weber, Robert to Nelson, Christophe and Malinowski, Grace, 12/27, \$315,000

106 Thomas Rd, Weber Mauriel Doris Est and Weber, Robert to Nelson, Christophe and Malinowski, Grace, 12/27, \$315,000

120 Gallup Hill Rd Lot 10C, Batista, Marlon J to Reinhardt, Katie, 12/27, \$100,000

1009 Long Cove Rd, Paciucchi LLC to Monroe, Jamel A, 12/28, \$300,000

LITCHFIELD

Buell Rd, Hartshorn, James L to Busk, William, 12/28, \$154,704

14 Old Northfield Rd, Bensavage, Joseph J to Fairmount Investment LLC, 12/27, \$120,000

29 Milton Rd, Barbe Roland A Est and Barbe, Adrienne to Milburn, Joanne E and Milburn, Michael, 12/29, \$220,000

46 Wilson Rd, Lambiase, Danette P and Lambiase, Steven A to Klug, Robin L, 12/28, \$351,500

80 Headquarters Rd, Brown, Melissa K and Woodward, Jeffrey to Wickline, Gloria and Wicklinw, Jeffrey, 12/29, \$305,000

148 Maple St, Flitman, Robert M and Flitman, Sheila J to Harrison, Daniel, 12/30, \$1,175,000

410 Maple St, Cravin Properties LLC to Kantor, John, 12/28, \$369,000

MADISON

18 Grouse Ln, Larson, Kyra A to Tolla, Robin A and Lloyd, Graeme P, 12/28, \$525,000

19 Woodlawn Ave, Morrison, Franceska F to Morrison 3rd, Franklin T, 12/28, \$600,000

376 Green Hill Rd, Rossi Jr, Louis F and Rossi, Kelly J to Brooks, Robert, 12/29, \$400,000

467 Durham Rd, Katzias, Jonathan and Katzias, Irene to Dube, Rachel, 12/28, \$333,333

MANCHESTER

Woodbridge St, WCTD Investments LLC to Gandhi, Sahil and Venkata, Guru R, 12/17, \$260,000

N/A, Lemelin Geraldine L Est and Lemelin, Jay R to Hamm Homes LLC, 12/21, \$170,000

9 Jolly Ln, Italia, Gary R and Italia, Romina to Baum, Amanda, 12/20, \$87,000

10 Jamie Ln Lot C, Mehta, Hitesh T and Mehta, Hema H to Kasiredy, Srikar, 12/20, \$210,000

11 Gerard St, Roberts, Jason and Mcgovern, Meaghan to Roy, Bruce and Reyes, Victoria-ana, 12/27, \$242,400

13 Lucian St, Jewett Jr, Philip C to KSD Holdings LLC, 12/28, \$130,000

15 Hemlock St, Meucci, Paul and Meucci, Caitlin S to Risley, Matthew, 12/30, \$250,000

26 Trebbe Dr, Nashow, Brendan G to Nimr, Waleed and Nadhour, Sahar, 12/30, \$322,000

37 Willard Rd, Whitcomb Jr, John D to Powell, Bartholomew and Dwyer, Paulette, 12/30, \$220,000

40 Desouza Dr, Possum, Cheryl L to Ditom-maso, Matthew, 12/14, \$580,000

50 Dennison Rdg, Rowan, Hubert and Rowan, Elizabeth to Jeffers, Lee and Jeffers, Debra G, 12/16, \$398,000

55 Middle Tpke W, Knapp, Adam F and Hamlin, Patricia L to Choi, Amy, 12/28, \$235,000

64 Winthrop Rd, Solis, Carlos to Dalto, Michael, 12/15, \$308,000

98 Wynynding Hill Rd, Sherman, Kara D to Fabris, Daniele and Pieropan, Loretta, 12/27, \$510,000

103 Cliffside Dr Lot D, Gupta, Sumit to Buri-his, Sarah L, 12/16, \$185,000

106 Stephanies Way, Wilper, John F and Wilper, Pamela J to Universal Homes LLC, 12/16, \$322,500

120 School St, USA HUD to Cruz, Marisol, 12/22, \$175,000

130 Utopia Rd Lot 13, C&J Properties LLC to WolfgangMcMarrero Ritty LLC, 12/27, \$205,000

165 Middle Tpke W, Cheerman Realty LLC to Z&E Realty LLC, 12/27, \$630,000

177 Wynynding Hill Rd, Oneill, William D and Oneill, Carol M to Madison T Co and Palliardi, Leo, 12/27, \$160,000

181 Wynynding Hill Rd, Oneill, Carol M to Palliardi, Leo, 12/27, \$175,000

203 New State Rd Lot F, Flemmings, Gary C to Nelligan, John E, 12/17, \$204,000

286 Meadowbrook Dr, Schmidt, Catherine C and Schmidt, Diane to Chanthavong, Pat and Chanthavong, Phonsena, 12/21, \$250,000

426 Wetherell St, Bayberry Developers LLC to Manion, Douglas K and Manion, Eileen O, 12/20, \$90,000

445 S Main St Lot 57, Milewski, Mark A to Loda, Jane E, 12/28, \$215,000

460 Woodbridge St, FHLM to Elbach, Mustafa, 12/27, \$61,751

794 Center St, Thomas, Basil to Tran, Jenny and Santiago, Victor A, 12/28, \$260,000

935 Main St Lot C1, Williamson, Kerry A to 935 Main Street LLC, 12/15, \$75,000

MANSFIELD

Farrell Rd Lot 1, William T Moynihan RET and Moynihan, Susan to Susan C Moynihan T and Moynihan, Susan, 12/21, \$103,400

8 Federal Sq, Clairmont, Jared B and Clair-mont, Megan C to Gladys Morgan LLC, 12/21, \$269,000

22 Eastwood Rd, Freudmann David Est and Lemonds, Varda F to Lei, Yu and Zhang, Lan, 12/22, \$320,000

22 Puddin Ln, Manfred, Leila A to Watson, Shirley A, 12/21, \$280,000

27 Boulder Ln, Mandt, Priscilla J to Pham, Kristin, 12/22, \$325,000

29 Clear View Dr, Gervino, Elena M to Gervino, Kayla W, 12/20, \$310,000

37 Farrell Rd, William T Moynihan RET and Moynihan, Susan to Susan C Moynihan T and Moynihan, Susan, 12/21, \$352,500

64 Birchwood Hls, Smyrnov, Ismael and Smyrnov, Larisa to Lopez, Ariel, 12/20, \$323,000

121 Gurveyville Rd, Becker, Karla J and Becker, Patricia E to Gardiner, Jordan, 12/30, \$250,000

174 Stafford Rd, Dick, Dylan N to Solicito, K J, 12/27, \$150,000

393 Middle Tpke, 393 Middle Turnpike LLC to Callahan, Thomas and Allen, Tristan, 12/28, \$270,000

668 Storrs Rd, Doremus, M Marc to Ford, Korrie and Fetta, Joseph, 12/20, \$300,000

MERIDEN

N/A, Atwater, Susan M to Groth, Chria and Oviedo, Susan, 12/14, \$155,000

N/A, Mercier, Rita to Garrison, Christopher, 12/28, \$63,000

6 Walt Dr, Martin, Justin to Wolfe, Alex and Wolfe, Juliana, 12/13, \$370,000

14 Devon Ct, Bishop, Shannon N to Brudent, Jules, 12/17, \$182,500

15 Locust St, Sattler Jr, Frederick W to 2 Cambridge LLC, 12/28, \$250,000

16 Mosher St, A Carusone Properties LLC to Joseph, Lucas, 12/14, \$183,000

17 Foster St, Hernandez, Alexis to Mejia-Velez, Abel A, 12/29, \$296,000

18 Foster St, Hernandez, Alexis to Mejia-

Velez, Abel A, 12/29, \$296,000

18 Morgan St, Martinez, Dismeri to Huera, Florencio, 12/28, \$205,000

19 Foster St, Hernandez, Alexis to Mejia-Velez, Abel A, 12/30, \$296,000

20 N Meadow Ln, Bodero, Chariene to Ramirez, Humberto and Delcar-men-Ramirez, Maria, 12/17, \$275,000

20 S View St, Nadlle, Frederick A and Nadlle, Robin to Nadlle, Matthew, 12/13, \$129,500

23 Olive St, A Carusone Properties LLC to 44 Center St Holdings LLC, 12/29, \$140,000

27 William Ave, Ferrigno, Nydia L to Ntume Development Grp, 12/9, \$50,000

30 Bradley Ave, Wilmington Svgs Fund Soc to Eagle 1 Management LLC, 12/14, \$130,000

30 Maple Ave Ext, US Bank NA to Vargas, Marilyn, 12/17, \$260,000

30 N 1st St, Carrero, Enrique to Britto, Maria and Jure, Aleia, 12/14, \$262,000

30 Williams St, Deutsche Bank Natl T Co to Quintana, Isaia, 12/15, \$175,000

32 Hemlock Rd, Hassan, Ivette J to Ayala, Jovany and Hassan, Hanan, 12/10, \$195,000

33 John George Dr, Ventura, Kathie A to Kelly, David B, 12/29, \$345,000

34 Hidden Pines Cr, Ortiz, Benny and Ortiz, Vanesa to Duncan, Jysean and Morrison, Lapriah, 12/14, \$369,000

34 Sherman Pl, A Carusone Properites LLC to 43 Church LLC, 12/10, \$137,000

43 Linsley Ave, Iovanna, Steven J to Wright, Lamont, 12/16, \$175,000

50 Welles Ter, Lewis, Kelly A to Hernandez, Daniel, 12/30, \$170,000

51 Shore Dr, Timm, Phyllis to Timm, Jesse C, 12/15, \$205,000

55 Reservoir Ave, A Carusone Properties LLC to 44 Center St Holdings LLC, 12/29, \$148,000

58 Leonard St Lot 504, White, Janett R to Henry, Nakina V, 12/8, \$260,000

59 Horton Ave, Sutikno, Imam and Sutikno, Soelarshi to Cruz, Paul, 12/30, \$230,000

60 Prospect St, Simon Pepe Properites LLC to 404 Center St Hldg LLC, 12/6, \$170,000

65 Arch St, DNM Enterprises LLC to Owusu, Catherine, 12/6, \$161,000

74 Hillside Ave, Simon Pepe Properites LLC to 404 Center St Hldg LLC, 12/6, \$130,000

78 S Colony St, A Carusone Properties LLC to 404 Center St Hldg LLC, 12/10, \$210,000

80 Meetinghouse Rdg, Reznitsky, Melissa to King, Sharlene Y, 12/30, \$230,111

81 N Pearl St, Powell, Robert and Powell, Annie to Depino, Joanntha and Depino, Hannah, 12/7, \$235,000

84 S 1st St, A Carusone Properties LLC to Diversified Mgtm Solt LLC, 12/9, \$385,000

91 Race Brook Rd, Figueroa, Kristi to Alexander, Lawrence and Alexander, Wanda, 12/6, \$225,000

92 Twiss St, Pizzi, Gregg S and Pizzi, John to Avila LLC, 12/9, \$120,000

95 Lambert Ave, Wells Fargo Bank NA to CR 3 Sps Holdings LLC, 12/16, \$139,900

98 Silver St, Delgado, Gidfred to Western, Jaosn E, 12/28, \$256,000

99 Silver St, Delgado, Gidfred to Western, Jaosn E, 12/28, \$256,000

100 Silver St, Delgado, Gidfred to Western, Jaosn E, 12/28, \$256,000

102 Genest St, Sunset Ridge Of Meriden to Vega, Cynthia and Bishop, Sdhannon, 12/15, \$368,000

102 Mattabasset Dr Lot 102, Fahey, James G and Batsu, Andrea to Zawacki, Tricia, 12/27, \$187,500

105 David Dr, Vitelli, James A to Marin, Kleber G and Marin, Maria L, 12/10, \$325,000

107 View St, JK3 LLC to Bivens, Mahagany, 12/17, \$200,000

111 Warren St, Z&R Properties LLC to Carney, Leatha and Ward, Parris S, 12/10, \$200,000

114 Fowler Ave Ext, Chasse, Maria to Cordona, Pmalea R, 12/30, \$232,000

115 Elm St, A Carusone Properties LLC to Diversified Mgtm Solt LLC, 12/9, \$355,000

127 Winthrop Ter, Mirabello, Jeffrey S to Johnson, Tashaney, 12/15, \$320,000

156 Murray St, Carlson, Erik R and Carlson, Elizabeth J to Ives, Grodon S, 12/6, \$180,000

167 Sunset Ave, Pluta, Georgina to Ochsen-dorf, Rebecca, 12/17, \$179,900

179 Schwink Dr, Billings, Michael R and Bill-ing, Karen A to Ramirez-Ramirez, Carlos A, 12/30, \$333,000

194 Crown St, A Carusone Properties LLC to 404 Center St Hldg LLC, 12/7, \$150,000

199 E Woodland St Lot 202, Crouch 2nd, Jonathan M and Crouch, Vicki L to Santana, Carmen J and Montero, Christopher A, 12/17, \$140,000

201 4th St, Martin, Catherine K to Buckley, Michelle A, 12/13, \$210,000

219 S Broad St, Houde, Albert and Houde, Kaitlyn to Kallivrousis, Spyro and Kallivrou-sis, Roula, 12/13, \$85,000

219 S Broad St, \$206, Andrews, Brittany L to Kangal, Turgay, 12/29, \$145,000

249 Grove St, Nieves, Anthony to Ramos, Rosa C, 12/17, \$225,000

254 Liberty St, Miller 3rd, August P to Axel-rod, Laurie, 12/27, \$785,000

260 Liberty St, Miller 3rd, August P to Axel-rod, Laurie, 12/27, \$785,000

281 Reservoir Ave, Mensah, Eric D to Broth-ers investmetn LLC, 12/14, \$300,000

285 Williams St, Sunset Ridge Of Meriden to Gonzalez-Velez, Jose A and Herdia, Marie, 12/14, \$368,000

340 Hicks Ave, Ungshire, Ronald J to Cassin, Robin T and Cassin, Theresa B, 12/30, \$138,000

417 Blackstone Vlg Lot 417, Sofiane, John to Fuschino, Christopher C and Fuschino, Pamela B, 12/9, \$120,000

466 High Hill Rd, Moran, Michael J to Woods, Ebone, 12/15, \$260,000

474 S Colony St, Petro, James to Torres, Charo, 12/17, \$170,000

519 Gracey Ave, Kulis 3rd, William J to Smith, Donald J and Smith, Theodora M, 12/16, \$270,000

570 Broad St, Simon Pepe Properties LLC to 404 Center St Hldg LLC, 12/7, \$500,000

597 Hanover Rd, Paredes, Miriam to Daddio, Matthew, 12/17, \$300,000

797 Broad St, Pilco, Julio and Morocho, Maria to MCMC LLC, 12/28, \$347,000

827 Blackstone Vlg Lot 827, Lin, Ai M to Wang, Joa, 12/7, \$50,000

1046 W Main St, Lowe, Sara A to Lowe, Jeremy, 12/29, \$205,000

MIDDLEBURY

114 Chesham Dr, General Heat Treating Co to Maknis, Larry W and Maknis, Tracey T, 12/29, \$206,946

148 Breakneck Hill Rd, Lebel, Dustin to Decosmo, Christina, 12/28, \$360,000

MIDDLETOWN

14 Portland St, 14 Portland Street LLC to CT 202 Holdings LLC, 12/27, \$300,000

180 Acorn Dr, Tucker Patricia Ann Est and Vergnes, Jane S to Boland, Christopher, 12/27, \$325,000

749 Long Hill Rd Lot C, Wright, Cheryl A to Sullivan, John and Sullivan, Sharon, 12/27, \$189,900

MILFORD

6 Willem Ct, Andrew Piekarski T and Piekar-ski, Andrew to Niglio, Thomas and Niglio, Danielle R, 12/21, \$125,000

85 Viscount Dr Lot 21A, Roy, Adam J and Hartley, Van M to Capasso, Ralph J and Debasio, Jennifer M, 12/21, \$350,000

314 Merwin Ave, Webster Bank NA to 314 Merwin Avenue LLC, 12/21, \$350,000

MONROE

28 Stony Brook Dr, Poulin Monica Est and Poulin, Monica A to Gordon, Amanda L and Gordon Jr, Luis A, 12/23, \$328,000

MORRIS

12 Evergreen Passway, Paletsky, Rachel to Edwards, Bethany, 12/20, \$65,000

NAUGATUCK

32 Anderson St, Calypso Investments LLC to Mohamed, Karim, 12/28, \$203,000

51 Brook St Lot 2A, Christopher, Erica and Sherfz, Jacqueline Y to Amarante, Rachel E, 12/23, \$135,000

120 Applewood Ln, Goncalves, Christopher to Cintron Jr, Carmelo and Cintron, Yovanna J, 12/23, \$296,000

167 Rubber Ave, Sourceone Realty LLC to Stanley MP Realty LLC, 12/28, \$200,000

276 Hopkins St, Leary, Diane E to Jupiter, Gladys, 12/29, \$175,000

302 High St, Dasilva Ana Lopes P Est and Dasilva, Ilidio to Giamo, Anthony, 12/29, \$290,000

1973 Schultz Mobile Home, Dionne, Edith B to Mis, Stephen, 12/29, \$10,000

NEW BRITAIN

184 Streamside Ln, Davis Michael A Jr Est and Patterson, Norma to Alghalmi, Basel, 12/13, \$220,000

NEW CANAAN

N/A, Wallace, Scott to 38 Dans Hwy LLC, 12/23, \$343,000

12 Deep Valley Rd, Cucinella, Lawrence and Cucinella, Anastasia to Chuang, Mingyao and Chun, Kochun, 12/20, \$889,000

75 Sheridan Dr, Larson, Matilde to Green Day Construction, 12/30, \$725,000

140 Richmond Hill Rd, Troy, Marshall and Troy, Julia to Reid, Alyssa and Reid, Robert, 12/20, \$1,585,000

143 Heritage Hill Rd Lot B, Maxted, Deirdre to Spencer, Mary and Sandberg, Christo-pher, 12/20, \$329,000

151 Weeburn Dr, Angermueller, Victor to Chauncey& Hamilton LT and Hamilton, Perrin, 12/21, \$1,710,000

158 Hawks Hill Rd, Root, Steven and Root, Susan to Kell, Michael and Kell, Alicia, 12/21, \$1,900,000

180 Park St Lot 108, M2 Parners LLC to Manning, Dennis and Manning, Kathleen, 12/20, \$3,150,000

180 Park St Lot 306, M2 Partners LLC to Xenophontos, Andreas and Xenophontos, Xenophon, 12/22, \$1,625,000

183 Ferris Hill Rd, Tseng Family 146 25 7th to Nagin, Perry and Marcus, Jacob, 12/20, \$3,600,000

194 Putnam Rd, Weiksner, Jennifer to Schul-man, Jared and Schulman, Bridget, 12/20, \$1,340,000

204 Hoyt Farm Rd, Nailor, John and Nailor, Katherine to Costigan, Joseph and Costigan, Alyson, 12/22, \$1,400,000

220 Woodbridge Cr, Barbara Dahill RET and Dahill, Kevin to Troy, Marshall and Troy, Julia, 12/21, \$280,000

282 Main St, Carbone, Lorraine to Ares Part-ners LLC, 12/22, \$1,145,000

290 Main St, Sheridan Properties LLC to Demoli, Ellen and Bham, Zubin, 12/30, \$1,515,000

312 Elm St Lot 39, Gail Overbeck RET and Overbeck, Gail to Harmon, Mark and Harmon, Darlene, 12/22, \$1,295,000

NEW HARTFORD

376 Steele Rd, Roy Ronald F Sr Est and Marks, Lisa to Morrone, John and Morrone, Nicole, 12/27, \$235,000

NEW HAVEN

8 Garden St, Solorzano, Carmita C and Naula Arevalo, Luis A to Fox, Alexander, 12/29, \$320,000

13 Fillmore St, 165 Chapel LLC to Yousuf, Gazi, 12/28, \$155,000

25 Ellis St Lot 25, Delizio, Ann M to Little, Steven, 12/27, \$150,000

46 Front St Lot 46, Zamparo, Jill to Libun-a-MacIntal, M, 12/30, \$109,000

58 Fulton St, Spillane, Nancy J to Nettles, Sophia, 12/30, \$175,000

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REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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19 Prospect Ridge Lot 44, Thermos Norwich Dev Inc to Saal, Steven, 12/29, \$495,000
32 Conant Rd, Bahl, Rashmi and Bahl, Devesh to Laswell, David and Laswell, Suzanne, 12/28, \$872,000
44 Longview Dr, Rodriguez Jr, Luis H and Rodriguez, Christine R to Leach, David M and B Leach, Geanina E, 12/28, \$535,000
46 Scott Ridge Rd, Huang, Rujuan and Liao, Meixian to Staub, Eric and Staub, Maggie, 12/28, \$688,000
63 Powderhorn Dr, Higgins 3rd, Walter L and Higgins, Katherine F to Campbell, Kyle W and Hughes, Julie, 12/30, \$1,005,000
414 Bennetts Farm Rd, Ziemba, Andrew and Smith, Rachel V to Pellico, Melgin S and Say, Gustavo G, 12/28, \$375,000

ROCKY HILL

28 Fern St, TCI Realty LLC to Catania, Lisa, 12/29, \$224,000
28 McIntosh Cir Lot 28, Bowman, Lisa H and Bowman, Brittany H to Bowman, Brent B, 12/27, \$212,500
83 Berkshire Rd, Burgess Rutherford C Est and Lefoll, Attorney T to Cecunjanin, Merhan and Kajic, Edvina, 12/22, \$210,000

ROXBURY

65 Painter Ridge Rd, Piersall, Brian E and Piersall, Wendy J to Alexander, John and Straus, Laura, 12/29, \$900,000

SALEM

75 Stonewall Rd, Kinell, Matthew R and Kinell, Michelinea to Bowyer, William and Bowyer, Karen, 12/29, \$580,000

SALISBURY

9 Sharon Rd, Firehouse Place LLC to 9 Sharon Road LLC, 12/29, \$975,000
9-A Sharon Rd, Firehouse Place LLC to 9 Sharon Road LLC, 12/29, \$975,000
29 W Shore Pl, Maliszewski, Krystyna to Julie G Skattum T and Skattum, Julie G, 12/29, \$2,500,000
32 Millerton Rd, Lakeview Apartments LLC to Salisbury Housing Committ, 12/27, \$70,000

SEYMOUR

Bungay Rd, Gabor, Nicholas and Williams, Natoyia to Stubbs, Khanna, 12/28, \$272,500
3 Anne Ave, Koslowski, Carol A to Koslowski, Joyce M, 12/27, \$130,000
10 Great Oak Ridge Way Lot 10, Holt, Sharon to Petro 3rd, Robert L and Hollister, Jerrie D, 12/27, \$230,000
14-16 Washington Ave, Diglorgi Prop Unit LLC to Brown, Amber, 12/27, \$323,000
15 Morningstar Dr, Leszczynski, Karol and Leszczynski, Monika to Gongo, Alketa and Gongo, Myzafer, 12/27, \$410,000
22 Liliac Dr Lot A, Peck, Evan A and Ramalho, Krystal to Giaquinto, Gerald, 12/27, \$37,000
37 Meadow St, Cabral, Kimberly and Sheswood, Jeffrey to March, Nancy, 12/28, \$288,750
99 Botsford Rd, Gregory, Christopher L to Walter Cabrera Hm Imps, 12/28, \$200,000
212 Roosevelt Dr, Nickle, Rosemarie P to Marion, Jessica, 12/27, \$151,000

SHARON

478 Cornwall Bridge Rd, Churchill&Churchill LLC to Eca Sharon LLC, 12/27, \$358,000

SHELTON

2 Basking Brook Ln Lot 2, Baker, Robert K and Baker, Rosemarie to Spinelli, Paul and Gutierrez, Alina, 12/28, \$468,000
7 Louise Dr, Carmelo, Rafael E to Habbab, Mike and Tinawi, Majed C, 12/30, \$430,000
7 Red Fern Rdg, Spinelli, Paul and Gutierrez, Alina to Mancuso, Paolo and Mancuso, Aida, 12/27, \$1,020,000
10 Theodore Rd, US Bank NA Tr to Dasilva, Manuel, 12/30, \$215,000
12 Kings Wood Mnr Lot A, Spadaccino, Salvatore F to Bitencourt, Geissy S, 12/27, \$255,000
14 Arrowhead Ln, Freeman Geraldine Est and Freeman, Bruce L to Freeman, Scott, 12/28, \$384,460
22 Ivy Grove Ct Lot 22, Eccles, Robert to Melvin, Jim and Melvin, Cynthia, 12/30, \$345,900
27 Forest Ave, Pagliaro, Judith A to Ouared, Ahmed and Argueta, Cindy, 12/27, \$134,000
28 Golec Ave, Zaprzalka, Michael and Zaprzalka, Kathleen to Molina, Mario, 12/28, \$410,000
43 Oak Hill Ln, Moscato, Michael J and Moscato, Virginia A to Acevedo, Irving and Acevedo, Bobbie, 12/28, \$450,000
47 Greystone Lot 47, Bailor, Ronald L and Bailor, Patricia A to Tian, Ye, 12/27, \$297,000
60 Walnut Tree Hill Rd, Breault, Irene H to Zick, Erica and Zick, Leon J, 12/27, \$790,000
64 Elm St, Aldrich, Dan W and Aldrich, Joyce to Manette, Gijni and Thomas, Daniel, 12/27, \$359,000
65 Village Dr, Spigarolo Jr, Michael K to Lindoharris, Anika, 12/28, \$418,000
76 Cali Dr, Farrell, Keith W to Baranyar, Christopher and Baranyar, Constance, 12/30, \$465,000
131 Paugassett Ln Lot 131, Halfpenny, Carol A to Lazzaro, Helen, 12/27, \$372,000
283 Summerfield Gdns Lot 283, Somermerfield Props to Graham, Yvonne M, 12/27, \$400,000
428 Long Hill Ave, Evans, Lorie A to Capalbo, Robert C, 12/27, \$325,000

SIMSBURY

2 Hallview Dr, Knipper, Michael J and Saldana-Knipper, Maryson to Cazeau, Michico and Cumberland-Cazeau, Melisha, 12/27, \$659,000
11 Metacorn Dr, Gardner, John T and Gardner, Miriam C to Block, Robert L, 12/27, \$670,000
14 Cardinal Rd, American Advisors Group and Ireland, Sharon to American Advisors Group, 12/27, \$321,926
44 Terrys Plain Rd, Bisberg, Paul A to Hayes, Austen, 12/27, \$370,000
52 Phelpsford Rd, Johnson Arlene J Est and Emmonds, Zachary T to Grillo, Anthony, 12/28, \$250,000
108 Library Ln Lot 108, Cain, Mitchell and Cain, Tracy to Kriwitsky, Amy, 12/29, \$134,000

SOMERS

60 Sunshine Farms Dr, Birkenshaw, David to DOR Properties LLC, 12/29, \$1,200,000

SOUTH WINDSOR

200 Felt Rd, Bradford, Joshua D and Bradford, Mallorie F to Phansalkar, Anushree K and Shukla, Manan, 12/23, \$510,000
705 Griffin Rd, HSBC Bank USA NA Tr to Gorzynski, Adam and Gorzynska, Iwona, 12/23, \$160,500

SOUTHBURY

Stiles Rd, Fernandes, Carlos to Stoltz, Joseph M and Stoltz, Christie E, 12/23, \$370,000
8 Spruce Brook Rd, Purchase Road LLC to New Eng Country Hm Inc, 12/28, \$48,000
22 Heritage Vlg Lot A, Bertola, Nancy to Deluca, Joseph, 12/28, \$152,000
16 W Purchase Rd, Faylor, Edward A and Faylor, Marie C to Faylor, Edward A and Faylor, Marie C, 12/29, \$280,000
51 Far View Cmns Lot 51, Brugnolo LLC to Pettiti, Lumsdi, 12/28, \$280,000
55 Jacob Rd, Micciche, Michele to Hughes, Benjamin E, 12/23, \$350,000
323 E Heritage Vlg, Ridgeback LLC to Lynch, Dale B, 12/29, \$350,000
1414 Bucks Hill Rd, Buy Or Sell Realty LLC to Francis, Jean Y, 12/28, \$475,000

SOUTHTONING

Curtiss St, Hoyt, Beverly A to Gray, Kenneth M and Gray, Pamela M, 12/13, \$405,000
Hilltop Dr Lot 125, Griglin, John I and Griglin, Jean C to Preuss, Justin A and Irazabal, Jennifer R, 12/21, \$312,000
Meriden Waterbury Tpke, Crispino, Ashley A to Nardi, Kenneth A, 12/17, \$225,000
13 Zwicks Farm Rd, Gilroy, Ryan M to Meola,

Christian, 12/27, \$249,000

43 Lucy Ct, Gimenez, Oscar H and Gimenez, Durelle L to Tridico, Nicholas and Tridico, Elizabeth, 12/27, \$355,000
45 Pacer Ln Lot 5, Lovley Development Inc to Lucille Cocozza 3rd RET and Cocozza, Lucille, 12/20, \$413,000
46 Old Oak Ct, Hillcrest Homes LLC to Kleinhenn, Sharon A, 12/10, \$491,790
64 Muir Ter, Rovitaille, Dolores A to Etemi, Ermal and Kupa, Ferdia, 12/13, \$335,000
90 Apple Gate Lot 84, Paul R Plourde RET and Plourde, Paul R to Lebel, Diane, 12/20, \$525,000
109 Industrial Dr, Foxcroft Enterprises LLC to 109 Industrial Drive LLC, 12/23, \$1,300,000
130 Darling St, Yofe, Elizabeta to Inserra, Stacey, 12/15, \$113,000
159 Sunnyslope Dr, Kenefick 3rd, Francis J to Ludemann, Erynn and McCabe, Craig, 12/22, \$270,000
175 Berlin Ave Lot 41, Swayner, Lauren A to 175 Berlin Avenue LLC, 12/27, \$270,000
185 West St Lot 7, Bhryavavajhala, Sridhar and Konuru, Kiranmayi to Psanis, Niki E, 12/13, \$305,000
195 West St, Brumm, Patricia to Aiello Jr, Joseph J, 12/15, \$250,000
200 Laning St, Lanerebuilt LLC to Ridgewood Properties LLC, 12/21, \$137,500
253 West St Lot O, Clark, Gary A to Mayo, Karen, 12/9, \$168,000
318 S End Rd, Celella, Gary and Celella, Mary to Longo, John, 12/20, \$540,000
390 Town Line Rd, Christopher, Quinn E to Labella, Adriano A and Labella, Payal, 12/27, \$70,000
567 Woodruff St, Martin, Taryn D and Wells Fargo Bank NA to Abunarsa, Sami J, 12/22, \$450,000
682 Ledgeview Ct Lot 682, Distfano, Olga J to Rapp, Monika, 12/13, \$270,000
2118 Meriden Waterbury Tpke Lot 2, Twerago Jr, Michael E to Rodriguez, Jonathan, 12/27, \$250,000

STAFFORD

30 Brendan St, Czapla Florence P Est and Czapla, Theodore M to Smit, Jordan C, 12/29, \$220,000
36 Hillcrest Dr, Michaud, William I and Michaud, Karen I to Bastien, Robert and Bastien, Lisa, 12/28, \$351,000
51 Old Springfield Rd, Chartier, Robin S to Rizzo, Mark and Rizzo, Laurie, 12/28, \$42,500
217 Leonard Rd, Nickerson, Nicholas C to Covert, Shawn B, 12/28, \$399,900

STAMFORD

1 Broad St Lot PH26A, Tague, Janet H to Mary Ann C Ludice LT and Ludice, Mary A, 12/27, \$875,500
1 Sherman St, Brown, Gail P to Alam, Jabaidul and Akhter, Aysha, 12/29, \$600,000
14 1st St Lot K, Fu, Luoting and Yang, Yang to Tenente, Adriano, 12/27, \$640,000
15 Stamford Ave, Rath, Margaret to Adelson, Alan P and Adelson, Georgia V, 12/29, \$1,050,000
16 Lindstrom Rd Lot 5, Hassantalebi, Soraya to Burga, Andrea, 12/27, \$367,000
22 Leslie St Lot 1, Sgobbo, Michael J to Lane, Monica R, 12/30, \$225,000
24 Mill Valley Ln, Dussault, Marilyn B to Moss, Benjamin J and Moss, Elizabeth A, 12/28, \$697,450
25 Forest St Lot 6A, Levy, Jason and Callahan, Kelly to Veronis, Jane S, 12/27, \$440,000
26 Weed Hill Ave Lot K, Castellano, Maria to Friedman, Scott T and Socca, Samantha, 12/29, \$395,000
35 Mill Stone Cir, Murphy, Dana L to Quinsee, Alton C, 12/29, \$825,000
36 Rutz St, Salomone, Peter A to Vassilatos, Roselynn and Tavarez, Michael, 12/27, \$565,900
37 Turn Of River Rd, Kallaway, Kevin M and Kallaway, Maura J to Sciormino, Danielle L, 12/29, \$603,000
38 W Broad St, Ancker LLC to Amg Pub 2 LLC, 12/29, \$4,550,000
39 Glenbrook Rd Lot 1A, Kalinowski, Jolene to Lowenstein, Bradley S, 12/27, \$179,000
55 Ridge Tree Ln, Desai, Bharat M to Rupp, Nancy and Rupp, Gregory, 12/27, \$750,000
59 Liberty St Lot 18, Nicolas, Simon S and Nicolas, Karen G to Joseph, Christa and Hilaire, John F, 12/30, \$424,000
76 Crestwood Dr, Orgera, Steven W and Orgera, Ernest to Murray, Erin M and Winters Jr, Thomas J, 12/29, \$535,000
79 Hardesty Rd, Bongiorno, Frank R to Knight&Grabowski Prop LLC, 12/29, \$725,000
92 Burwood Ave, Faugno, Michael and Faugno, Jason to Sono Bouton Street LLC, 12/29, \$820,000
100 Hope St Lot 2, Luciano, Jhonny and Delacruz, Rosemaria to Hawley-Alexander, Ajah S, 12/28, \$415,000
108 Ridgcrest Rd, Shockley, David L and Shockley, Linda G to Gubner, Jodi M, 12/30, \$20,000
109 Studio Rd, 109 Studio Road LLC to Geotes, Christopher E and Geotes, Marie A, 12/27, \$725,000
110 Summer St Lot 3A, Dombrowski, Michael to Schwarz, Christopher, 12/27, \$252,500
121 Barncroft Rd, Lanson, Biana and Lanson, Benjamin to Parker, Todd and Parker, Maureen, 12/27, \$1,450,000
122 Woodbury Ave, Miller, Brian to Naylor, Jeremy M and Feitelberg, Hannah K, 12/27, \$603,000
147 Mountain Wood Rd, Hessel, Naomi S to Shkreli, Nicholas and Shkreli, Stephanie, 12/27, \$875,000
168 Belltown Rd Lot C2, Reilly, David P and Li, Qian to Radhakrishnan, G G, 12/28, \$375,000
186 Seaside Ave Lot 2, Stephenson, Catherine C to Pallock, John R, 12/27, \$325,000
201 Highview Ave Lot D2, Matteis Jr, Anthony and Busby, Cheryl M to Zislis, Alex, 12/28, \$250,000
230 Hubbard Ave, Greif Ellen Est and Greif, David A to Liedtke, Eric A and Liedtke, Nancy J, 12/29, \$800,000
255 Strawberry Hill Ave Lot B1, Weiss Vivian Est and Weiss, Daniel to Altamura, Luigi, 12/28, \$377,500
333 Webbs Hill Rd, Mehan, Jeffrey L and Henderson, Kimberly A to Juste, Piterston and Juste, Noelly, 12/27, \$1,120,000
590 Cove Rd Lot C4, Baranowski, Piotr to Hallisey, Sean, 12/27, \$285,000
1008 Hope St, 1008 Hope Street LLC to Decarlo, Albert, 12/28, \$650,000
1269 Rock Rimmon Rd, Winterle-Weir, Cynthia R to Leonhardt, Anne, 12/27, \$830,000
1603 Newfield Ave, Altamura, Michael and Altamura, Esther R to Kumar, Narinder and Kumar, Deepika, 12/28, \$1,630,000
7415 Old Barn Rd S, Schoenfeld, Julianne to Buffer, Michael D and Buffer, Kelsey E, 12/27, \$465,000

STERLING

189 Porter Pond Rd, Maloney, Donna to Pinckney, Kelly, 12/30, \$260,000
193 Porter Pond Rd, Maloney, Donna to Pinckney, Kelly, 12/30, \$375,000

STONINGTON

Hinckley Hill Rd, Altaire, Christine A to 309 Pequot Trail LLC, 12/16, \$500,000
Old Mystic E, Eg Shoreline 1 LLC to Holmes, David J and Holmes, Gail B, 12/15, \$265,000
N/A, Little Pond Farm LLC to 305 Pequot Trail LLC, 12/16, \$3,400,000
3 Pequotsepos Ctr N, Ligue Michael M Est and Fletcher, Erika to Reed, Donna, 12/15, \$633,500
8 Stonington Cmns Lot 26, Moore Marguerite R Est and Moore, Alexandra to Dorothea B Moore T and Burke-Moore, Dorothea, 12/13, \$1,396,000
21 Broadway Ave, Indian Key LLC to 21 Broadway LLC, 12/17, \$650,000
37 Ston Lndg Condo Lot 37, Turner, Ainslie A to Finucane, Terri L and Finucane Jr, Lawrence D, 12/15, \$505,000
38 Lords Hill Rd Lot 3, Rossetto, Carol L to Terranova, Michael L, 12/16, \$312,000
123 Jeremy Hill Rd, Foster, Richard C to Fratanuono-Reis, Gina and Reis, Joseph, 12/15, \$11,556

STRATFORD

1st Ave, Kelly, Thomas E and Kelly, Marcia E to Fearon, Kathleen, 12/22, \$400,000
N/A, Edwards, Patricia to Kalecci, Qame and Vergez, Adam, 12/20, \$25,000
N/A, Longueil Florence B Est and Auger, Joseph W to Marter, Melissa, 12/21, \$190,000
15 Court C Lot 61, Bortniak, Aleksandr to Gitelman, Michael V, 12/30, \$73,000
26 Baird Ct, Heir, Taylor W and Stonybrook Gdns Coop Inc to Stonybrook Gdns Coop Inc, 12/21, \$26,000
65 Stonybrook Rd, Alicea, Nelly to Garcia, Hope, 12/16, \$300,000
79 River Bend Rd C, Robinson, Shaniece L to Williams 2nd, Creg E and Williams, Lauren D, 12/29, \$269,999
80 Roosevelt Ave, Harding, Shanece to Vasquez, Hillary, 12/23, \$260,000
86 Yarwood St, Saunders, Callie to Johnson, Camele, 12/27, \$335,000
120 Longview Dr, Perez, Frank and Perez, Anita to Asante, Keisha, 12/30, \$618,000
121 Park View Ln, Jackson, Katherine M to Santos Group LLC, 12/30, \$255,000
125 Harding Ave, Curry Heyward Est and Curry, David to Resto, Bruno and Polanco, Rafaela, 12/21, \$229,900
126 Harding Ave, Curry Heyward Est and Curry, David to Resto, Bruno and Polanco, Rafaela, 12/21, \$229,900
136 Peace St, R&G Best Properties LLC to 136 Peace St Owners LLC, 12/30, \$600,000
138 W Beach Dr, Huribail, Marsel to Rodriguez Jr, Jehu R, 12/29, \$625,000
159 Ottis St, R&G Best Properties LLC to Sabb, Shavalsia and Washington, Andre D, 12/22, \$319,000
160 Meadowbrook Rd, Warrick, Maria L to Dumeyns A Better Vision, 12/28, \$290,000
193 Reeds Ln, 193 Reeds Lane LLC to Fine, Alison and Carly, Connor, 12/27, \$420,000
203 Court D Lot 39, Juan, Torres and Success Vig Apt Inc to Terron, Anna D, 12/17, \$43,000
340 Rockwell Ave, Cruz, Alexis to Reynoso, Reynaldo, 12/27, \$400,000
345 Canaan Rd, Mcdonough, Nancy E to Barrios, Elmar, 12/21, \$130,000
395 Highland Ave, Genetski, Karen M to Liera, Joana and Colazo, Ana, 12/17, \$53,000
414 Thompson St, Caporaso, Donna R to Lufam Homes LLC, 12/21, \$255,000
430 Success Ave Lot 74, Torres, Neftali G to Gutierrez-Medina, Esmarlin and Joaquin, Germana R, 12/16, \$18,000
450 James Farm Rd, Mark 4 Const Co Inc and Noutinho, Manuel to Somova, Anna, 12/15, \$74,000
483 Success Ave Lot 75, Le, Ty and Thoa, Dinh to Lalanne, Joseph, 12/30, \$40,000
490 2nd Hill Ln, Kurtz, Daniel J and Kurtz, Lisa N to Davis, Lemar and Aarons, Tiffany, 12/27, \$570,000
498 2nd Ave, Mottram, Jeanne R to Marinovic, Slobodan, 12/30, \$320,000
600 Silver Ln, St John The Bapt Amer Car to 600 Silver Lane LLC, 12/21, \$725,000
643 Old Knife Ln Lot A, Dambrov, Alan to Dalessandri, Karen L, 12/21, \$370,000
735 Judson Pl, Dillon, Rosemarie S and Charron, Thomas to Davidson, Kate M, 12/29, \$325,000
1140 Beaver Dam Rd, Cummings, Thomas A and Cummings, Marisa A to Marz, Jean and Mraz, John, 12/28, \$630,000
1700 Broadbridge Ave Lot C35, Green, Lucy A and Green, Michael R to Wallach, Stewart and Wallach, Sonia, 12/22, \$129,400
1714 Main St, Grom, George W to Ali, Nasir and Nasir, Rubbia, 12/20, \$262,000
2218 Nichols Ave, Podrazick, Lisa J and Peck, Allan J to Chaparro, Bernardo N, 12/29, \$300,000
4900 Main St, Tandon, Spana to Rajagopal, Mohan and Gompert, Katherine, 12/27, \$775,000

SUFFIELD

26 Edgewood Dr, McCabe, Richard J and McCabe, Nancy L to Briotta, Robert M and Boskiewicz, Ann L, 12/13, \$430,000
951 Mapleton Ave, Daly, Katherine to Mccatee, Jaime L, 12/21, \$320,000
3771 Phelps Rd, Safner, Vincent and Safner, Patricia to Silvestri, Antonio C and Silvestri, Maria, 12/13, \$365,000

THOMASTON

Pine Hill Rd Lot 6C, Miniucci, David to Scapini, Matthew J, 12/30, \$125,000
28 Branch Rd, Tiganella, James P to Andrews, Jared C and Lucia, Alexandra A, 12/22, \$116,000
208 Branch Rd, Leclerc, Michael J to Marble, Adam, 12/22, \$60,000

TOLLAND

85 Kozley Rd, Agosti, Aubrey to Crocker, Nathaniel and Szczyk, Alexis, 12/27, \$261,000
108 Sugar Hill Rd, Laham, Kyle and Laham, Stephanie K to Leonard, Michael and Leonard, Rina, 12/29, \$497,000

TORRINGTON

Old Winsted Rd, Pepper Gordon H Est and Garrity, Kathleen to Yield Properties LLC, 12/28, \$247,365
Wall St, Leonard Enterprises Inc to O&G Industries Inc, 12/27, \$352,500
17 Park Dr, Hernandez, Guillermo R and Balcarcel, David to Berg 4th, John A and Pratt, Nicole M, 12/21, \$230,000
22 Lake St, Fuller, Carly to Ajruli, Arben, 12/22, \$86,000
24 Evergreen Rd Lot 24, Sekikawa, Jinyi and Sekikawa, Makoto to Antovych, Christina and Rosenblatt, Zachary, 12/22, \$142,500
31 Tara Dr, Geronimo, Norma to Montas, Salvador and Delrosario, Yanely T, 12/30, \$250,000
47 Trotters Way, Wright, Alex to Morris, Sean and Morris, Karen, 12/30, \$199,900
56-64 Forest Ct, Cristofori LLC to Lakeside Property Mgmt, 12/28, \$435,000
81 Oak Ave, Dunay, Deborah M to Bruch, Tucker A and Bruch, Paul, 12/30, \$185,900
87 Dorothy Dr, Romaniello N Jr Sr Est and Milo, Gloria to Hughes Jr, David M, 12/22, \$206,500
105 Berkshire Oval Lot 15, Beavers, Robert A to Baerny, Dennis E and Baerny, Susan M, 12/22, \$130,000
114 Old Winsted Rd, Pepper Gordon H Est and Garrity, Kathleen to Yield Properties LLC, 12/28, \$94,818
117 Rock Creek Ln, Weingart, Barbara J to Castillo, Francisco, 12/28, \$262,000
134 Scott Dr, Bombara, Dorothy M to Day, James A and Day, Gail, 12/21, \$125,000
138 Trotters Way, Gonzalez, Edson J and Soto, Rosa I to Veach Jr, Richard E, 12/27, \$242,000

155 Ginger Ln, Serafini, Denise M to Ahmed, Afzaal and Akhtar, Mehnaz, 12/30, \$330,000
155 Hawthorne Ter, Emond, Susan C to Gallant, Peter and Leonard, Nitchelle, 12/27, \$239,900

158 Maplewood Ave, M&R Real Realty LLC to Mihalik, Timothy, 12/21, \$250,000
187 Lovers Ln Lot 52, Powell, Kendra L to Cattey, Jeanette and Tibbals, Stacey, 12/27, \$120,000
189 Grove St, Urizar Jr, Erik F and Perez, Irma Y to Guaratzacza-Juela, Irma, 12/29, \$195,000
206 Church St, Marconi, Eugene A to Tewksbury, Heather C, 12/30, \$125,000
250 Litchfield St, Culum, Hitko and Culum, Naima to 250 Tor Ln LLC, 12/30, \$95,000
253 Riverside Ave, Huckleberry Hill LLC to Dalton Street Properties, 12/27, \$140,000
271 Hillside Ave, Peterson, Theresa M to Stallings Real Estate Grp, 12/22, \$162,000
291 W Pearl Rd, Oneill, Katie E to Laforce, Brien, 12/21, \$215,000
495 S Main St, Goncalves, John and Goncalves, Nicole to BD Asset Co 7 LLC, 12/21, \$119,000
639 New Hartwinton Rd, Ore, Cecilia G to Cabral, Elinel, 12/27, \$230,000
661 Main St, Brotherhood LP LLC to Ar Torrington LLC, 12/22, \$4,500,000
809 S Main St, Sure Lot Homes LLC to Mosca, Zachary J and Mosca, Brittany, 12/22, \$239,000
857 Weigold Rd, Griskauskas Margery A Est and Griskauskas, Robert to Lauer, Carol

and Lauer, Jonathan, 12/29, \$186,000
1517 Winsted Rd, Old Winsted Road Props to Yield Properties LLC, 12/28, \$807,818
3434 Torrington Rd, Collins Jr, Lawrence E and Collins, Carol A to Sage, Lauren A and Wolff, Rosemary C, 12/22, \$190,000

TRUMBULL

14 Koger Rd, Mierzejewski, Mariusz P and Mierzejewska, Teresa to Silverstein, Erica and Gambetta, Carson L, 12/28, \$426,000
53 Rolling Wood Dr, Coulson, Robert F and Coulson, Janice E to Duran, Marcos, 12/28, \$440,000
300 Tashua Rd, Fox Gerald E Est and Fox, Kevin to Mitchell, Michael S, 12/28, \$370,000

UNION

115 Cemetery Rd, Gasper, Sheryl M to Anger, Michael R, 12/29, \$232,000

VERNON

2 Terrace Dr, Munoz, Dino to Easmon, Yawanda, 12/2, \$255,000
10 Reed St, Orr, Armond and Fisher, Gretchen to Grieco, Karen and Cribben, Michael, 12/8, \$200,000
21 Hilltop Ave, Mastrangeli, Patricia to Stough, Zachary, 12/6, \$200,000
30 Burke Rd, Guzman, Nicholas and Guzman, Chelsea to Martinez, Hector, 12/6, \$225,000
33 Christopher Dr, Stavens, Patrick to Norton, Jonathan, 12/2, \$256,000
36 Reed St, Munson, Ashley to Tandezke, Austin, 12/2, \$220,000
37 Brighton Ln, Coleman, Julie to Flenke, Melissa and Flenke, Jason, 12/7, \$400,500
41 East St, Goodale, Ryan to Reilly, Thomas, 11/22, \$210,000
43 Mountain St, Latva, Sawyer to Tinsley, Delancey, 12/7, \$224,900
45 Discovery Rd, Godt, Florinda to Lalrocca, Paul, 12/9, \$279,900
45 Worcester Dr, Calabrese, Thomas to Tucker, Christopher, 11/23, \$180,000
49 Glenstone Dr, Connors, James and Connors, Maria to Buse, Albert, 12/9, \$230,000
60 Old Town Rd Lot 205, Bowen, Phylisse to Bertrand Health&Wellness, 11/24, \$149,000
63 Merline Rd, Mccarthy Judith Est and Mccarthy, Michael to Cardona, Gisella, 12/1, \$300,000
70 Old Town Rd Lot 325, Caliber Home Loans Inc to Chung, Cheng H, 11/21, \$87,500
70 Old Town Rd Lot 347, Fuller, Natalie to Hamm Homes LLC, 12/10, \$142,000
70 Rollingview Dr, Henault, Lisa to King, Corey and King, Michelle, 11/24, \$335,000
75 Diane Dr, Helvi Moyer IRT and Moyer, James to Rivera, Idelia and Lebrun, Lelania, 11/22, \$370,000
80 Country Ln Lot 31, Traore, Salimani to Thompson, Francis, 12/2, \$175,000
83 Overbrook Dr, Chapman, Matthew to Mansions LLC, 12/6, \$240,000
85 Old Town Rd Lot 18, Spencer, Branden and Spencer, Heather to Torres Jr, Wilfred, 12/8, \$75,000
90 Talcott Ave, Vernon Non Profit Housing to Olender Family LP, 11/30, \$21,000
96 Union St, Marlboro Properties LLC to Hunt, Jack, 12/2, \$290,000
107 Echo Ridge Dr, Tuttle Glenn Est and Noble, Nicole to Rrapi, Analise, 12/9, \$134,000
107 Echo Ridge Dr, Tuttle Dolores Est and Hills, Danielle to Rrapi, Analise, 12/9, \$134,000
117 Brookview Dr, Mouchaoveq, Tabbasum to Dejesus Jr, Alan, 12/9, \$360,000
126 Rainbow Trl, Latino, Dayna to Leblanc, Jesse and Leblanc, Marie, 12/10, \$390,000
129 Union St, Gottier, Guy to Corban Connecticut LLC, 11/23, \$379,900
137 Vernon Ave Lot B2, Rosalyn Novgrad FT and Zitomer, Amanda to JLS Realty LLC, 12/7, \$49,900
146 Center Rd, Johnson, Shawntel to Arsenault, Shannon, 12/8, \$255,000
165 South St Lot 24, Mahler, Heather to Bustamante, Albert, 12/3, \$79,000
176 Grier Rd, Legassey, Peter and Legassey, Carlene to Ja Jacques Construction, 12/1, \$45,000
201 Regan Rd Lot 13D, Drew, Scott to Smith, Randall and Smith, Lori, 11/30, \$76,000
228 Echo Dr, Willis, Brendon to Carpenter, Sarah, 12/8, \$320,000
234 Brandy Hill Rd, Stevenson, Marianne to Yoreo, Kevin and Yoreo, Heather, 11/24, \$150,000
315 Vernon Ave, Green, Pamela to Ogren, Alan and Ogren, Norma, 12/12, \$475,000
655 Talcottville Rd Lot 134, Bacharach, Thomas to Fedlesy, Tyler, 11/22, \$81,400
655 Talcottville Rd Lot 74, Goguen, Kyle and Ottone, Chloé to Torres Jr, Wildred, 11/22, \$80,000
655 Talcottville Rd Lot 175, Higgins, Laura to Greenfield Enterprises, 11/30, \$67,500
1134 Hartford Tpke Lot 3A, FHLM to Yeh, Chang H, 12/6, \$145,800

WALLINGFORD

Beechwood Dr Lot 22, Waskowicz, Daniel A to Ulrich, Lucas J, 12/27, \$395,000
2 Winding Brook Ln, Biehl, Jonquil to Canning Ret, 12/28, \$10,000
9 Hallmark Hill Dr Lot 9, Fuhran, Richard W to Oleary, Brian, 12/30, \$22

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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Roth, Dan M, 12/28, \$210,600
220 Amherst St, White Family LT and White, Betty A to Mota-Martinez, Jose A, 12/13, \$345,000
238 Forest Dr, Schumann Elissa L Est and Schumann, William E to Sanchez, Franklin T and Ortiz Sanchez, Iris V, 12/13, \$250,000
244 Jordan Ln, Tiffany&Janell Realty to Dodge, Mackenzie and Molina, Luis, 12/17, \$252,500
263 Pine Ln, Cruz Jr, Francisco and Cruz, Sandy to Szymanski, Amanda D, 12/20, \$280,000
318 Fox Hill Rd, White, Neal J to Civitelli, Katelyn and Venseli, Michael, 12/14, \$365,000
332 Griswold Rd, Dugay Sandra Ann Est and Sherwood, Sharon to US Property LLC, 12/13, \$270,000
349 Nott St, Nottwoods Realty LLC to Torres, Gilberto, 12/28, \$200,800
395 Wolcott Hill Rd, Calderone, Giorgina F and Urso, Salvatore A to Draughn, Tamar, 12/10, \$217,500
405 Brimfield Rd, Taylor, Lauren S to Vu, John, 12/20, \$285,000

WILLINGTON
72 Marsh Rd, Natural Park Apartments to Park Apartments Partners, 12/23, \$2,130,000
81 Navratil Rd, USA HUD to Marcoux, Devon R and Marcoux, Christa M, 12/30, \$145,000

294 Willington Hill Rd, Dyer Dale A Est and Chung, Tae I to Cooke, Darren G and Cooke, Pamela M, 12/22, \$176,100

WILTON
N/A Lot 69, Snow, Susan P to Lihsin-Chen, Vivian and Ouyang, Iping, 12/22, \$389,000
163 Thunder Lake Rd, Hughes, Rose to Levinson, Sophia and Levinson, David, 12/23, \$965,000
186 Ridgefield Rd, Lafferty, Gina R to Dwyer, Jason and Lepack, Ashley, 12/22, \$980,000
312 Ridgefield Rd, Bargon, James and Bargon, Deborah to Shin, Albert and Lee, Jane, 12/23, \$2,180,000
450 Danbury Rd, Curtin, Mark J to Gueron, Dan and Gueron, Orly, 12/23, \$475,000

WINCHESTER
Rowley St, Bobinski, Genevieve to Connecticut State Of, 12/29, \$33,000

WINDHAM
18 Greystone St, Ortiz, Sabrina A to White, Paul and Capo, Anna, 12/28, \$197,000
29 Sycamore Ter, Ohara, Kreg W to Pepin, Kevin A and Pepin, Jenny M, 12/30, \$245,000
45 Babcock Hill Rd, Estell, Alan and Estell, Joan to Coffey, Amy L and Coffey, Kieran P, 12/27, \$150,000
47 Card St, Lambert Phyllis J Est and Chick, Laurie J to Acevedo, Jose, 12/28, \$137,000
196 Brick Top Rd, Rural Housing Service to TMC Keywest LLC, 12/28, \$53,125
197 Holbrook Ave, Raiem Endel Est and

Vanflatern, Heidi to Beaudoin, Patricia M, 12/29, \$170,000
309 North St, Ruth I Haddad IRT and Haddad, Ronald M to Baron, Jeffrey A and Robinson, Christopher S, 12/27, \$230,000
419 Valley St, Squires, Brock to Kennedy, John, 12/29, \$223,000
430 Windham Rd, Duclos, Roland and Duclos, James to B&S Bldg Partners LLC, 12/27, \$100,000
440 Windham Rd Lot 15, Gray, Gary to Quintana, August M, 12/27, \$175,000
440 Windham Rd Lot 25, Gray, Gary to Quintana, August M, 12/27, \$175,000
440 Windham Rd Lot 22, Gray, Gary to Quintana, August M, 12/27, \$175,000
440 Windham Rd Lot 14, Gray, Gary to Quintana, August M, 12/27, \$175,000
440 Windham Rd Lot 12, Gray, Gary to Quintana, August M, 12/27, \$175,000
440 Windham Rd Lot 23, Gray, Gary to Quintana, August M, 12/27, \$175,000
440 Windham Rd Lot 21, Gray, Gary to Quintana, August M, 12/27, \$175,000

WINDSOR
7 Bellflower Rd, Perrotta, Concetta to Hickman, Carolyn, 12/30, \$169,500
20 Pioneer Dr, Durej, Christopher D and Durej, Annamarie C to Myers, Opal N, 12/23, \$315,000
26 Lighthouse Hill Rd, Molod, Greg E and Molod, Linda M to Fenster, Trudy, 12/27, \$345,000
45 3 Rod Rd, Nunes, Barbara R to Gomez-Ri-

vera, Edith C, 12/23, \$290,000
48 Old Village Cir, Village Builders LLC to Hernandez-Diaz, Adrian V and Roman-Morillo, Yvoni M, 12/30, \$381,916
50 Clover St, Howell, Nicole A and Howell, Brendan M to Miller, Shantal J, 12/23, \$245,000
76 High Path Rd Lot 76, Bergeron, Cheryl to Parris, Vanessa, 12/29, \$94,500
132 High Path Rd Lot 132, Goldblatt, Mitchell R to Robinson, Tiffani, 12/27, \$126,000
237 Conestoga St Lot 237, Neil-Kopcza, Aubrey A and Kopcza, Robert J to Teg Rb Condos 2 LLC, 12/23, \$130,000
302 Dunfey Ln Lot 302, Platt, Robert A to Altaf, Arsalan, 12/28, \$85,000
342 Park Ave, Church Of God New England to Colon, Victor, 12/30, \$245,000
407 Pond Bridge Rd Lot 407, Grobe, Michael S and Sullivan-Grobe, Colleen to Florius Jr, Francis T and Florius, Bailaugh Y, 12/30, \$344,000
505 Old Village Cir, Village Builders LLC to Rodrigue, Jacquelyn, 12/30, \$296,366
507 Old Village Cir, Village Builders LLC to Justus, Justus, 12/30, \$291,562

WINDSOR LOCKS
Old County Rd, Old Cnty Senior Living to Wojv Windsor Locks LLC, 12/27, \$30,000,000
Spring St, Moriarty, Kevin and Moriarty, Amy to Daleo, Angelo, 12/17, \$485,000
7 Alma Rd, Nolan, Larry A and Nolan, Marie L to Jensen, Pipa and Depino, Michelle, 12/20, \$237,000

7 Fox Hollow Dr Lot 7, Cipressi, Michael A and Cipressi, Christina to Brady, Diane, 12/30, \$210,000
10 Concorde Way Lot A3, Smith, Elaine to Tymarc Ventures LLC, 12/27, \$120,000
16 Arbor Ln, Messana, Andrew and Volpe, Stephanie to Bilas, Kimberly A and Bilas, Walter, 12/20, \$322,000
16 Greenland St, Hunt, Ronald C to Ferrari, Dana, 12/27, \$230,000
17 Village Ln Lot 17, Javia, Twinkle to Patel, Bhavinkumar and Patel, Amishaben, 12/27, \$345,000
19 Poplar St, Neal, Jonathan to Terra, Julia and Weigert Jr, Norman, 12/27, \$219,000
21 S Elm St Lot 21, Rossi, Sheila L to Makusiewicz, Karol, 12/15, \$65,000
26 Grove St, R&J Fournier LLC to Nextgen Properties LLC and Daleo, Angele, 12/23, \$250,000
29 Fairfield Dr, Trazinski, Michael J and Parmelee, Janice T to Thiel, Alexander, 12/23, \$185,000
44 Bristol Rd, Gallucci, William J to Parkes, Butch J, 12/28, \$275,000
80 Main St Lot B2, Leason, David A to Costa, Dylan M, 12/20, \$115,000
118 Orchard Hill Dr, Paine, Cheryl to Robertson, Kenneth B, 12/27, \$324,900
363 S Center St, 363 South Center WI LLC to Vitamin D Lo LLC, 12/30, \$500,000
495 Woodland St, Hawkins, Orietta M to Zurolo, Elizabeth, 12/20, \$196,000
497 Halfway House Rd, Kycia, Diane F and Kycia, David M to Drucio, Ion, 12/29,

\$187,500
503 Woodland St, Diproto, Paul to Liquori, Laura, 12/22, \$228,000
520 North St, V20 Properties LLC to Nieves, Pedro and Nieves, Helynda, 12/22, \$318,000

WOODBURY
39 Sherman Hill Rd, Prasinos, Steven and Berard, Nancy to Tre Scorelle Realty LLC, 12/27, \$31,000
96 Stagecoach Rd, Frank, Monte to Sciarappa, Giovanni and Sciarappa, Julianne, 12/27, \$428,750
337 Crane Hollow Rd, Sconyers, J Michael and Weigert Jr, Norman, 12/27, \$219,000
511 Main St, Fred C StPierre RET and StPierre, Muriel A to Church Hill Dev LLC, 12/20, \$200,000
515 Main St, Fred C StPierre RET and StPierre, Muriel A to Church Hill Dev LLC, 12/20, \$200,000

WOODSTOCK
7 Beeches Ln, Herman, Matthew-Alan and Gardner, Saly J to 360 Gendron Road LLC, 12/30, \$575,000
400 Senexet Rd, Menard, Suzanne to Scott, Aaron and Scott, Tanya, 12/29, \$580,000
442 Route 197, Felt, Douglas O and Felt, Linda C to Lavelli, Debora, 12/28, \$700,000
1207 Route 171, Brothers, Heather M to Whittier, John and Whittier, Lauren, 12/29, \$260,000

Hardy hibiscus a sensational hit

Almost the entire country can enjoy these colorful blooms year after year

By Norman Winter
Tribune News Service

The Garden Guy would like to officially declare 2022 Encore Year of the Hardy Hibiscus. I don't know how the National Garden Bureau judges the success of any particular year's celebration, but I am feeling that Summerific French Vanilla helped Old Norm hit it out of the park in 2021!

One of my best friends from Louisiana had been visiting Southern trial locations and excitedly sent me a photo of Summerific French Vanilla from Mississippi State University's trials at the Truck Crops Branch Experiment Station in Crystal Springs. Although French Vanilla made its debut in 2021, I was lucky enough to get one. Those first blooms showed me why he was so excited.

It wasn't hard to see a little of that native DNA, but this is a far cry from

the hibiscus in the Mississippi ditch. French Vanilla is the perfect name for this new flower in the Summerific series. Creamy with an exquisite ruffled wavy texture and burgundy eye, it's a floral portrait of unbelievable beauty. I daresay there is not a white tropical hibiscus that can match its elegance.

At the start of last spring, I was only growing Summerific Holy Grail. In addition to French Vanilla, I also added the new Spinderella and the absolutely gorgeous Summer Awesome from the Summerific series. The Garden Guy is sun-challenged, so I will never have those catalog-type photos with 50 flowers on one bush. Mine are nonetheless beautiful, however, and play an integral part in the partnerships I create.

The new Summerific Spinderella gives a pinwheel-like look. It is best described as a white hibiscus with swirling

pink accented edges and a dark red eye. Spinderella is slightly larger at 54 inches and 60 inches wide. I grew mine in proximity to Heart to Hear Tickle Me Pink caladiums, hydrangeas and azaleas.

I use the Summerific Holy Grail in a couple of different ways. First, I have a couple as the backdrop to my pollinator garden, which I suppose really looks like a perennial garden. While showy, the deep scarlet blooms and dark foliage also show off the partnerships. I also use it alongside a walkway leading to a swing in a tropical setting with bananas and elephant ears.

Lastly, I did mention Summerific Berry Awesome as being gorgeous, which is no doubt the reason it is a Proven Winners top seller. The blooms are dark lavender pink with a red eye. In one area, its main partner was lime green from Sweet Caroline Illusion Emerald Lace ornamental sweet potato. In another area an Aqua Blue container packed with annuals is in

the distance, creating an eye-popping contrast.

Just think, you will have these colorful 7- to 8-inch blooms year after year as they are perennial from zones 4-9. Many of you will be thrilled to also know these are not on Bambi's menu. Almost the entire country can relish their beauty. Choose a location with plenty of sun. I've already mentioned my dilemma of shifting morning sun and filtered afternoon light. It could be a little better, but The Garden Guy is thrilled with the performance.

These hibiscus bloom on new growth, so it is important to keep them growing. My blooms ranged from mid-June to the end of August, so there is good reason to provide what they need. We don't need a superbloom-type fertilizer, but one that is slow-released and balanced. I use light applications every four to six weeks, so check your formula recommendations. Feeding is particularly important if you are growing the hibiscus as a thriller plant in a mixed



The large deep lavender pink blooms of Summerific Berry Awesome contrast with the Aqua Blue container in the distance. **NORMAN WINTER/TNS**

container that gets watered daily. These nutrients get leached out rather quickly, so make feeding a regular part of your regimen.

The Garden Guy hopes you will try several Summerific hibiscus in your landscape and make it a point to plan your partnerships like you would a salvia for the most fun and enjoyment. I am hoping to get my hands on Summerific Valentine's Crush,

which will make its debut in 2023.

Norman Winter, horticulturist, garden speaker and author of "Tough-as-Nails Flowers for the South" and "Captivating Combinations: Color and Style in the Garden." He receives complimentary plants to review from the companies he covers. Follow him on Facebook @NormanWinterTheGardenGuy.



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ASK THE BUILDER

Tips on restoring a bathroom window sash

By **Tim Carter**
Tribune Content Agency

A fellow amateur radio operator sent me a photo of a wood window in his girlfriend's bathroom. The window is suffering from rot, and the sash frame is starting to separate.

While I don't have the epic enhanced observation powers of Shawn Spencer in the TV series "Psych," I was able to determine by looking closely at the photo what caused the issue.

When I looked closely at the photograph, I could see a depressed part of the sash profile in the lower right corner. Water vapor from hot showers no doubt condensed on the glass pane, it then rolled down the window, and finally found a tiny crack to enter the wood at the sash corner.

I would guess that the problem has been going on for some time, and the weight of the glass pushing down on the lower, horizontal sash frame caused the two pieces of wood to separate at the corner. As the crack got bigger, more water entered faster and deeper, accelerating the rot.

Fortunately, this sash can be salvaged with a small amount of effort. Jeff may prefer to wait for warmer weather to do the job, but he can start a repair in the winter if he has the skills to cut a piece of plywood the same size as the sash so he can pull out the damaged sash to work on it. In warm weather, I'd just use a piece of thick cardboard to close up the opening while repairing the sash.

The first thing that needs to be done is to clean the mildew off the sash; a fan should be used to dry the wood at the corner. Once the wood is fairly dry, I'd use a long squeeze clamp to see if a moderate amount of pressure will close up the



This window has seen better days, but it's not ready for the landfill yet. It would take only minimal skills to fix. **TIM CARTER/TNS**

gap between the two pieces of wood that make up the corner.

Just in case the corner can be drawn tight with the clamp, I'd squirt some yellow carpenter's glue in the crack and use a popsicle stick or other thin piece of wood to spread it around in the crack. I'd then start to tighten the clamp hoping

the corner draws up tight. If it does, I'd leave the clamp in place for a few hours.

I'd place the bottom pad of the clamp about 1 inch from the outside corner of the sash. I'd want to be able to drill a pilot hole in the bottom of the sash about ½-inch from the outside corner so I could install a

3-inch-long stainless-steel wood screw up through the horizontal sash frame member into the vertical frame member while the clamp is in place. Carefully drill the pilot hole so the screw stays centered in the wood frame.

If the corner can't be drawn tight with the clamp, the crack can be filled with

wood epoxy. I've got two videos at AsktheBuilder.com that show how to mix, apply and sand this wonderful material.

Another option is to replace the window, but this is likely to be costly. A year ago I broke the glass in one of my own up-down sash wood windows while cleaning it. I discovered it

would be cheaper to buy a new sash from Andersen Windows than to go to all the hassle of ordering a custom insulated glass pane, removing the broken glass, installing the new glass, and then trying to match the custom exterior color.

Nevertheless, much to my surprise, the simple small window sash I need cost in excess of \$350. (That was a year ago; thanks to the raging inflation in the U.S. economy, it's likely to cost more now.) I decided to wait until the glass starts to fog up before I replace it.

This rot problem could have been avoided. If you're in a similar situation, all you have to do is place an old towel in contact with the bottom of the window glass each time you shower. The towel will capture the dripping condensate before it could get to the wood.

After getting dressed, use the towel to wipe off the glass pane to ensure it's dry. Any other visible liquid water on the window should also be dried off with the towel.

The towel should then be hung up to dry. The door to the bathroom should be left open to lower the overall humidity in that room as rapidly as possible. The reason some bathrooms have plentiful mildew growth is simple: There's a great chance that condensate fog is forming on all the walls and surfaces, just as you see on the mirror.

The mirror in the bathroom is probably the same temperature as the walls and ceiling. Condensate fog forms on all the surfaces that are the same temperature, or cooler, than the mirror. You can't see the fog because the walls and ceiling are opaque, but trust me, it's there. This condensate is the water mildew needs to grow and thrive.

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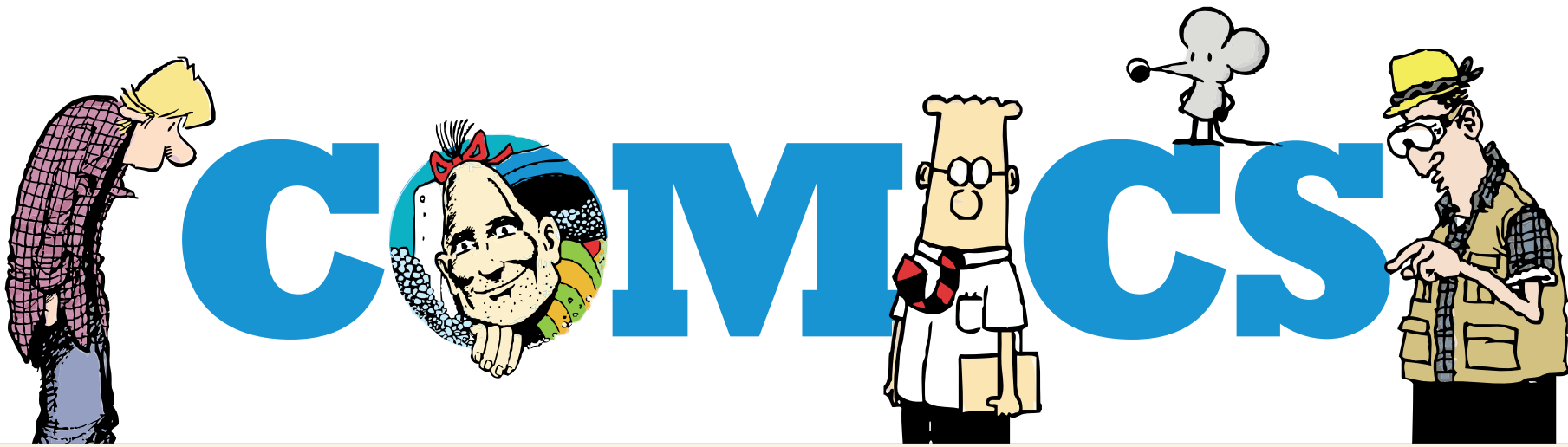
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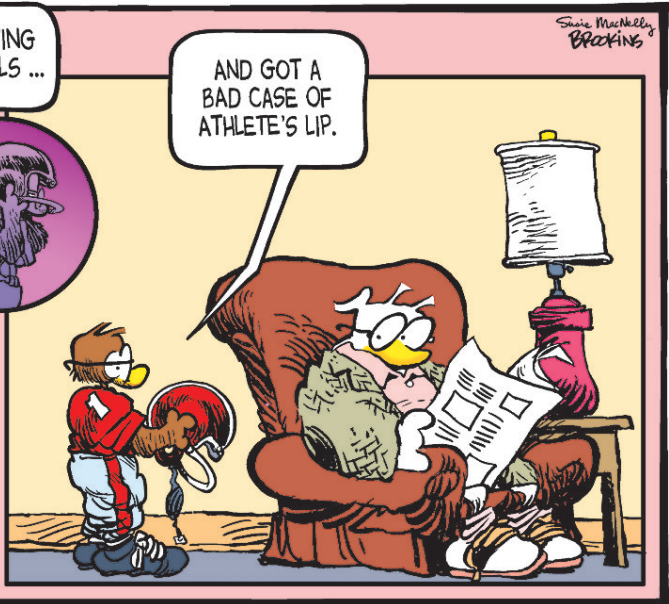
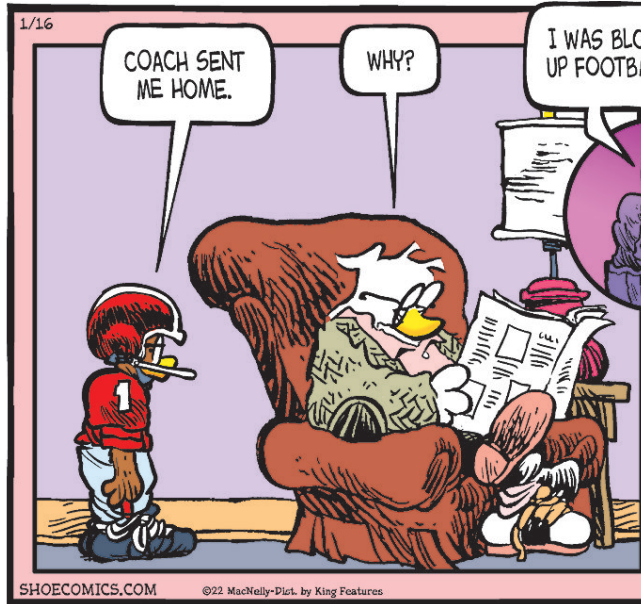
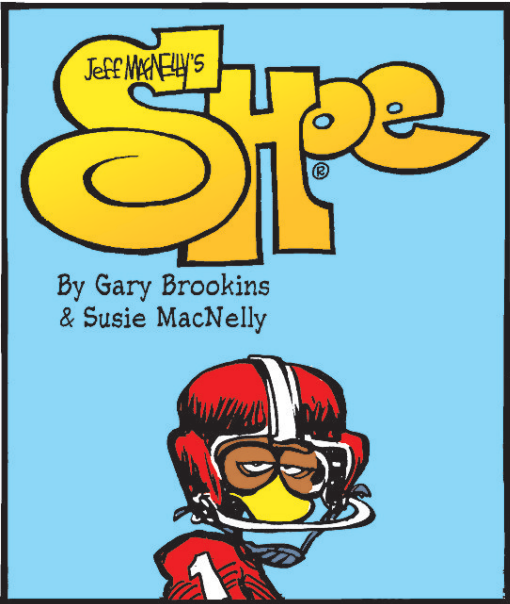
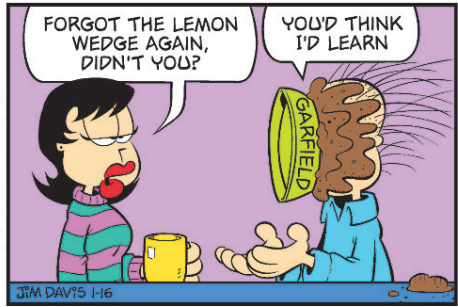
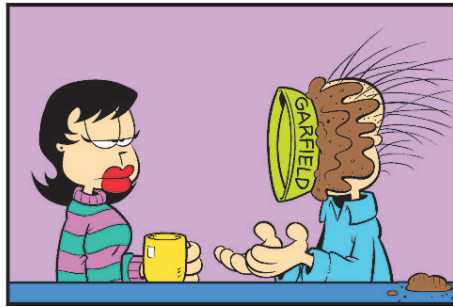
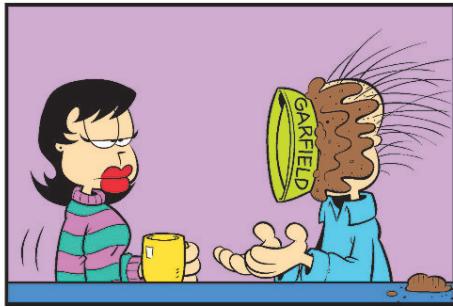
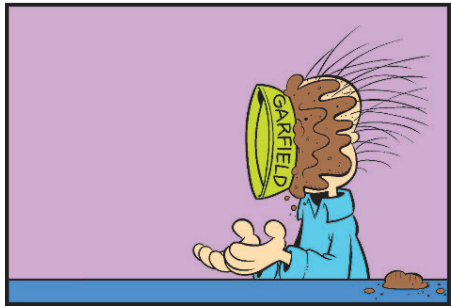
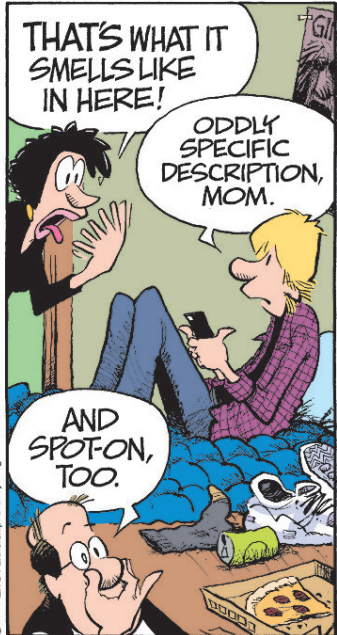
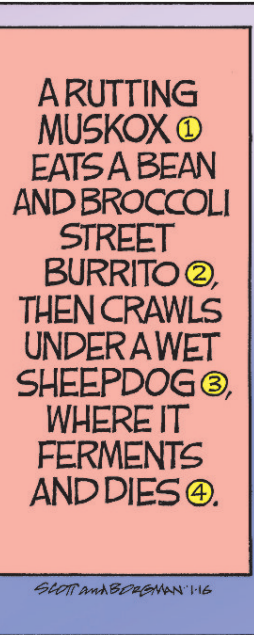
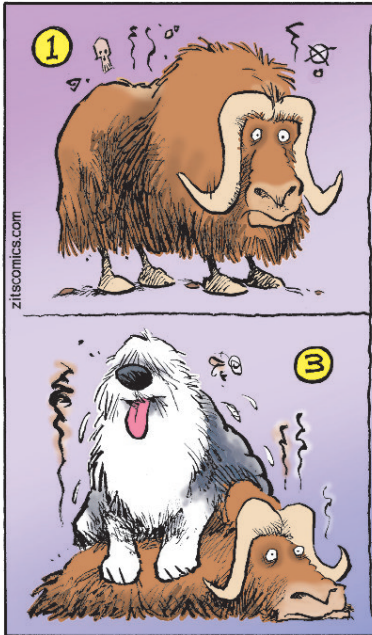
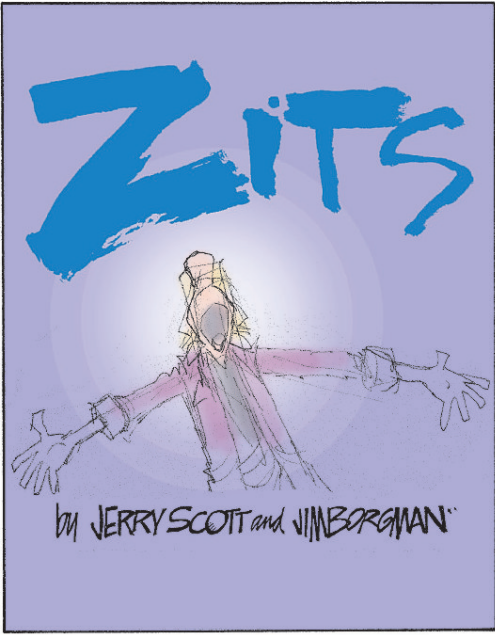
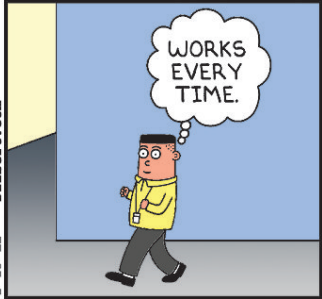
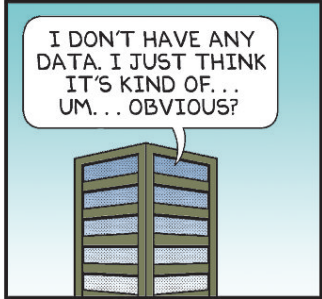
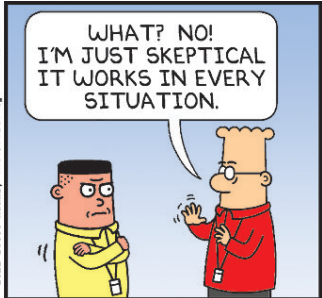
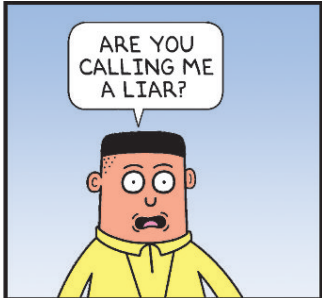
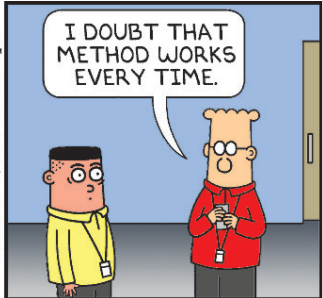
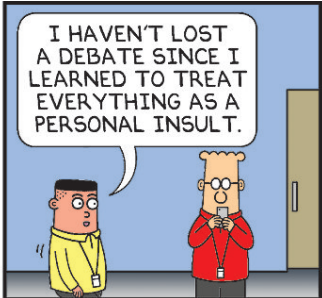
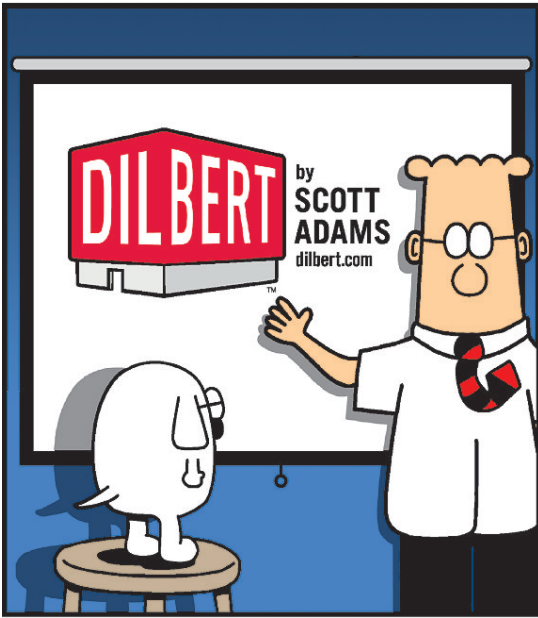
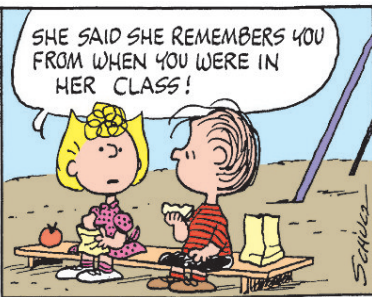
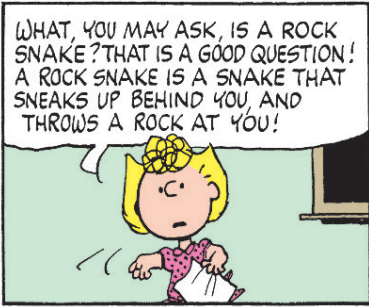
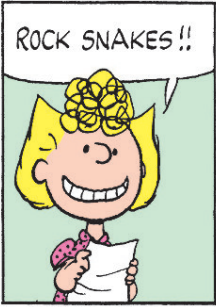
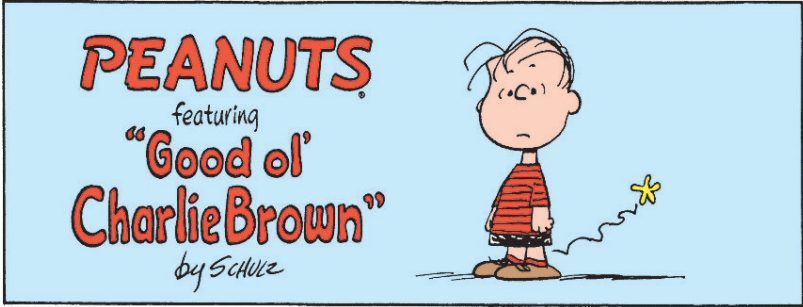
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SHOVELING TIME!

I LIKE YOUR ENTHUSIASM.

I LIKE THE WAY SNOW MUFFLES SOUND.

AND HOW SHOVELING IT WILL KEEP ME OUTSIDE THE HOUSE EXACTLY A HALF-HOUR.

A HALF-HOUR BEING...

HOW LONG MY SISTER PRACTICES HER VIOLIN INSIDE THE HOUSE.

THAT'S WHY I'M HOPING CLIMATE CHANGE BRINGS THIS REGION MORE SNOW, NOT LESS.

BECAUSE IN TWO YEARS SHE'LL BE UP TO A FULL HOUR.

IN TWO YEARS SHE'LL BE TWICE AS GOOD.

I'LL STILL NEED ENOUGH SNOW TO KEEP ME OUT HERE DURING SCALES.

MUTTS

BY PATRICK M'DONNELL

Dogs are our link to paradise.

~ Milan Kundera

REX MORGAN

BY TERRY BEATTY

WHETHER SARAH'S SKETCHBOOK DRAWING PROVES ANYTHING OR NOT -- IT SURE COMPLICATES AN ALREADY COMPLICATED SITUATION.

YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN.

I'D RATHER NOT.

AM I IN TROUBLE?

NO. NOT EXACTLY. BUT WE MAY BE CONSULTING A LAWYER OR TWO.

THAT SOUNDS LIKE I'M IN TROUBLE.

WE JUST HAVE A LOT TO SORT OUT, PRINCESS.

RING! RING!

AND THAT'S THE LOCAL TV NEWS CALLING US. I THOUGHT WE WERE DONE WITH THAT.

DON'T ANSWER. NO TALKING TO THE MEDIA UNTIL WE SPEAK TO OUR LAWYER.

MOTHER GOOSE GRIMM

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO OUT FOR LUNCH?

SORRY... I'VE GOT TO CATCH A PLANE

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

I'M WAY TOO TIRED TO RUN THREE MILES TODAY. I'LL JUST DO ONE.

THAT WASN'T THAT BAD. WHAT IF I GO A LITTLE OVER ONE?

OKAY, ONE AND A HALF IS WITHIN REACH. I'LL JUST DO THAT AND STOP.

WELL, IF I CAN DO THAT, I CAN DO TWO AND CALL IT A DAY.

OKAY, TWO AND A HALF AND THAT'S IT.

TWO AND THREE QUARTERS AND THAT'S REALLY IT.

AW HECK, I'LL JUST DO THREE.

I LIE MORE TO MYSELF WHEN EXERCISING THAN I DO TO THE I.R.S.

I JUST LIE AND SAY I'M IN SHAPE.

BY STEPHAN PASTIS

ROSE IS ROSE
By Pat Brady & Don Wimmer

YOU'RE STUCK IN A TREE AGAIN?!

I AM HERE FOR YOU!

DON'T JUMP UNTIL I GIVE YOU THE SIGNAL.

DON'T BE TOO QUICK TO JUMP, MY FRIEND.

HOW CONFIDENT ARE YOU IN HIS STRENGTH AND AGILITY?

HOLD ON, KITTEN... HEAR ME OUT!

OUTSTRETCHED ARMS ARE NO GUARANTEE FOR A SAFE LANDING... ALLOW ME TO...

EVALUATE HIS CATCHING SKILLS.

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AHH... PERFECT?

THIS PITIFUL SCRODNGER TRUSTS ME MORE THAN YOU DO.

Non Sequitur
by Wiley

The IDEOLOGY PROCESS

STEP 1: SELF-REFLECTION. EVALUATE YOUR VALUE SYSTEM AND WHY IT'S A GOOD DIRECTION IN LIFE.

STEP 2: EMPHASIZE YOUR DIRECTION AS BEING THE BEST WAY FOR EVERYONE.

STEP 3: EXAGGERATE YOUR POSITION TO CLARIFY THE SUPERIORITY OF YOUR CHOICE.

STEP 4: IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE DOGMA OF YOUR ONE-WAY WORLDVIEW TO QUASH THE BURDEN OF CRITICAL THINKING.

STEP 5: SEE STEP 1.

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FoxTrot

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A SLICE WITH SAUSAGE...

A SLICE WITH MUSHROOMS...

A SLICE WITH ONIONS...

A SLICE WITH BLACK OLIVES...

AND, LASTLY, A SLICE WITH GREEN PEPPERS.

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YOU'RE JUST JEALOUS THAT MY SUPREME COMBO IS MORE SUPREME.

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WHAT'S GRACE DOING?

DANCING WITH THE STARS.

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BY CANTÚ AND CASTELLANOS

Hal Foster's
Prince Valiant
BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

VAL AND MORGAN LE FAY HAVE TAKEN REFUGE FROM SAXON RAIDERS IN THE OLD ROMAN CITY OF LONDINIUM. LONG FORGOTTEN BY CAMELOT, A DWINDLING GARRISON OF WARRIORS LOYAL TO KING ARTHUR STILL DEFEND THE OTHERWISE ABANDONED CITY. BUT A GROWING CIRCLE OF CAMPFIRES REVEAL THE SAXON ENEMY MASSING TO MOUNT A FINAL ASSAULT.

VAL KNOWS LONDINIUM MUST SURELY FALL. HE REACHES A DECISION, AND TURNS TO CAFAL. "BY ARTHUR'S ORDERS, YOUR TIME HERE IS DONE. LONDINIUM MUST BE ABANDONED." CAFAL BRISTLES. "WE MUST SEE THESE ROYAL ORDERS!"

VAL GESTURES TO HIS TRAVELING COMPANION. "MORGAN LE FAY IS THE KING'S SISTER - SHE REPRESENTS HIS WORD AND MY BOND." IT IS A GAMBLE THAT PAYS OFF - WHATEVER HER REASONS, MORGAN SUPPORTS HIS GAMBIT. "THAT IS SO."

MUCH TO VAL'S RELIEF, CAFAL IS SATISFIED. AT DAWN'S FIRST LIGHT, HE TAKES VAL TO THE CITY'S SOUTH WALL, OVERLOOKING THE BROAD THAMES.

"THE OLD ROMAN BRIDGE IS IN DISREPAIR, AND LEADS TO MARSHY LANDS ON THE FAR SIDE. IT OFFERS OUR ONLY CHANCE OF ESCAPE. BUT WE WILL NEED SOMETHING TO DISTRACT THE SAXON DOGS' ATTENTION FROM THE RIVER..."
NEXT: A Roman assist

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The FAMILY CIRCUS
By Bill Keane

NIGHT WAS FALLING AND IT GREW DARK BY THE STREAM...

THE FROG SAID TO THE FLY, "COME! LET'S SEE WHAT IS BEHIND THE ROCK!"

NOW, THE FLY HAD NEVER BEEN TO THIS PART OF THE WOODS...

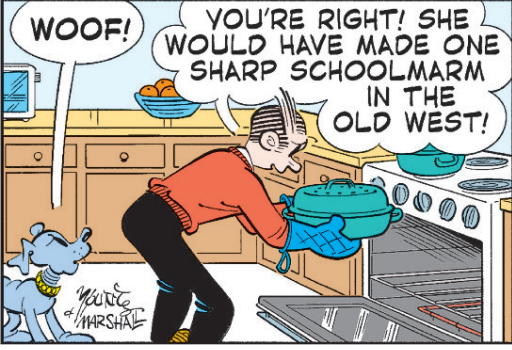
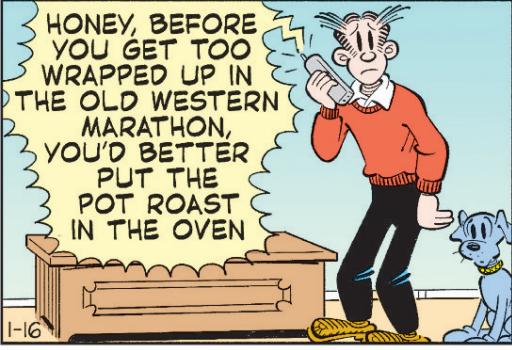
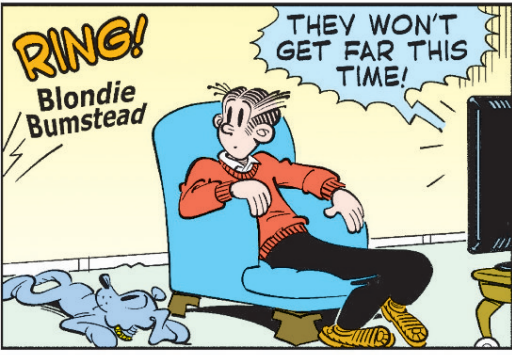
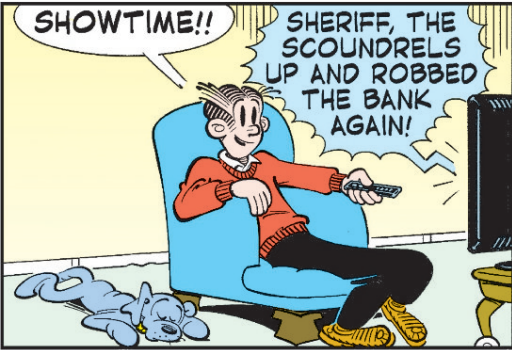
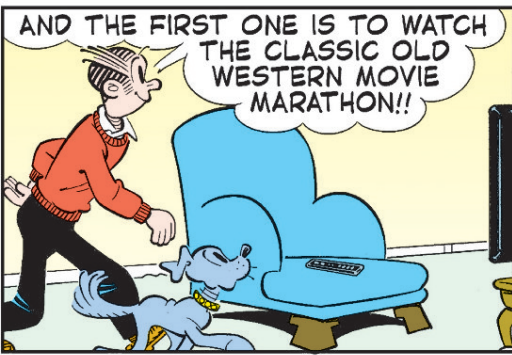
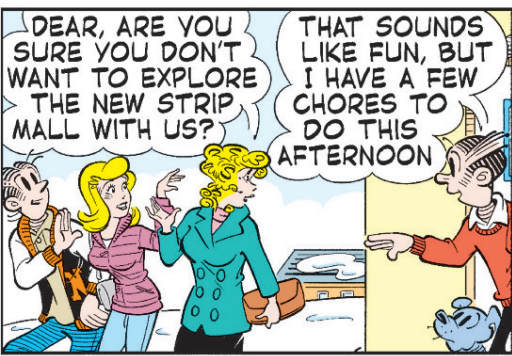
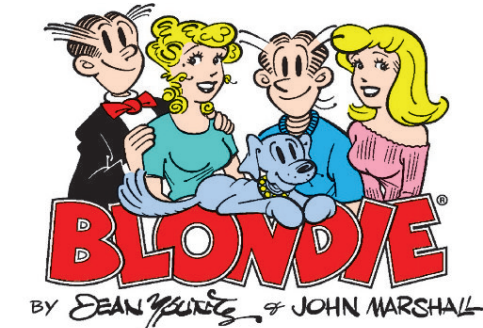
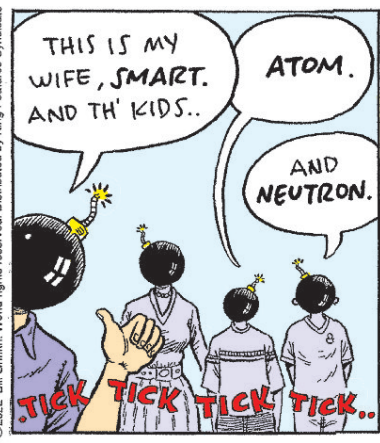
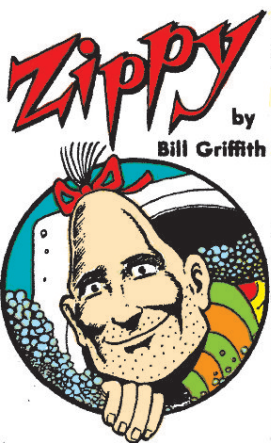
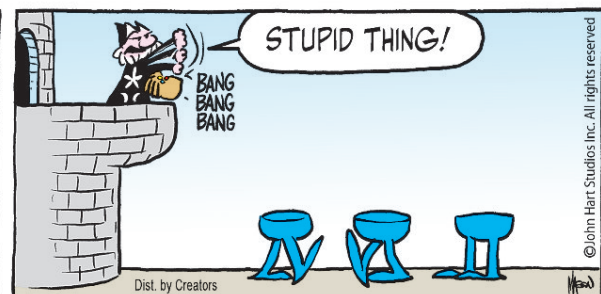
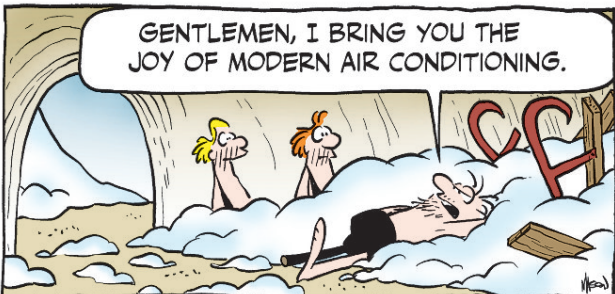
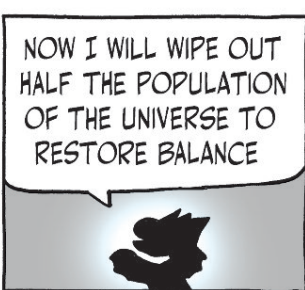
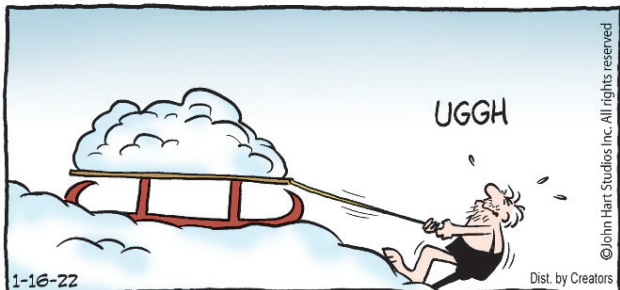
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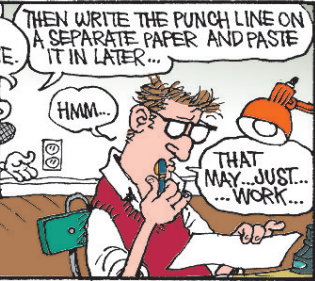
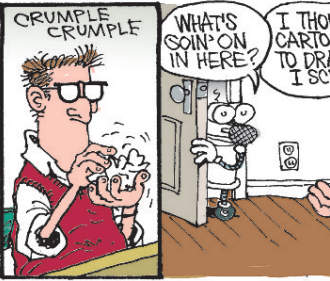
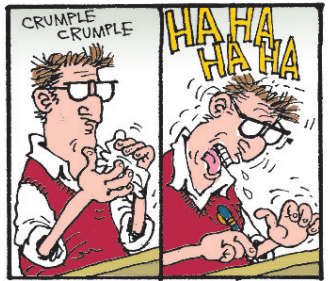
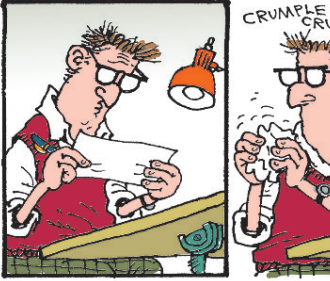
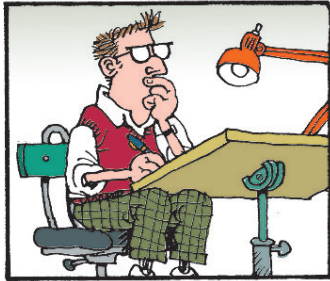
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I WANT TO SEE HOW THE STORY COMES OUT.

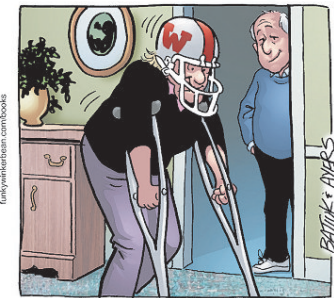
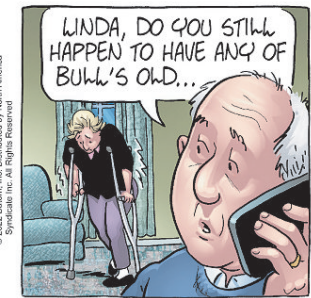
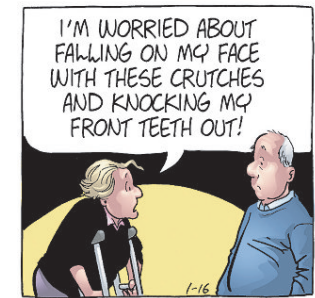
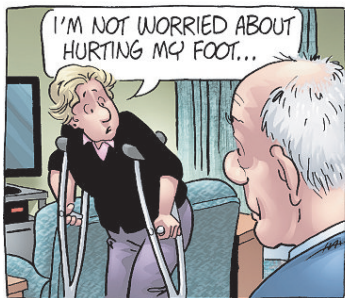
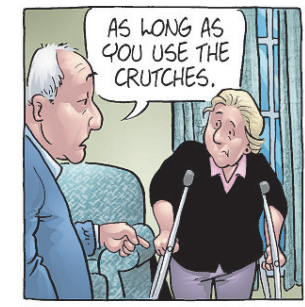
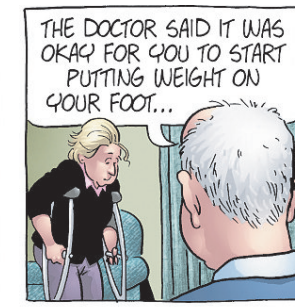
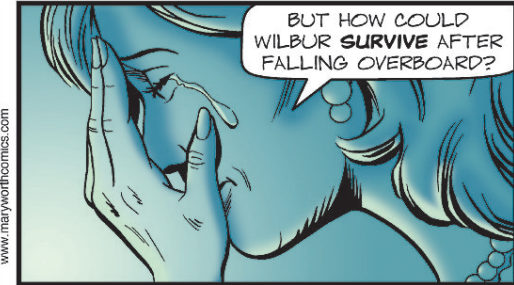
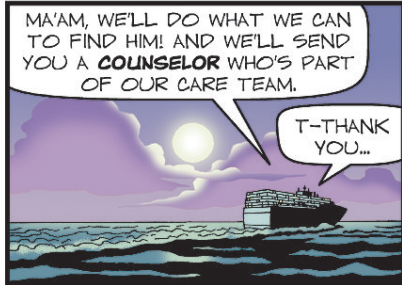
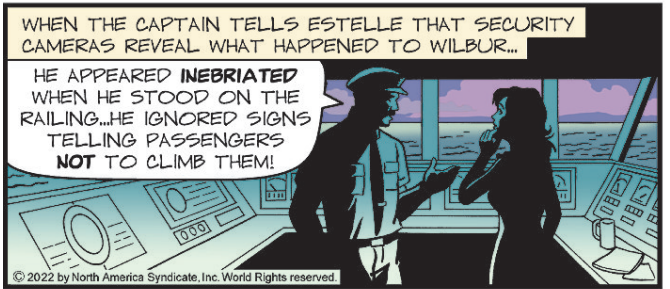
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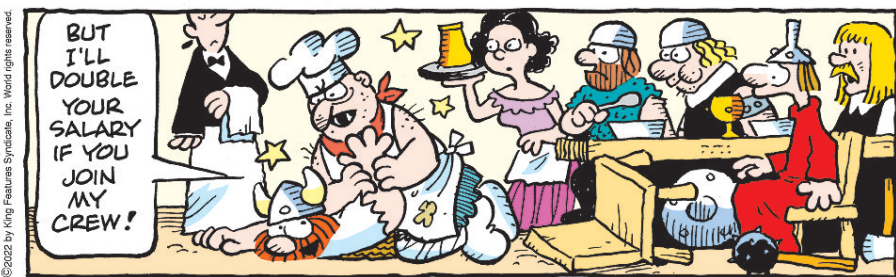
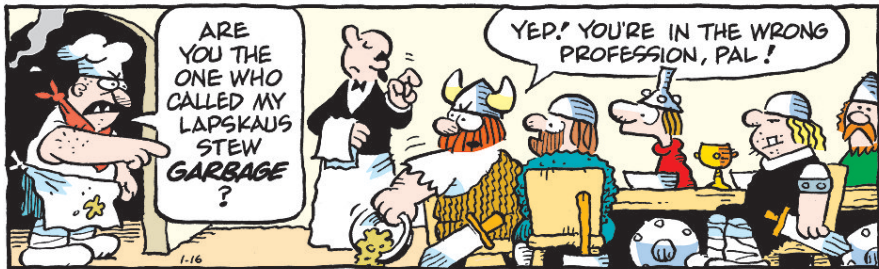
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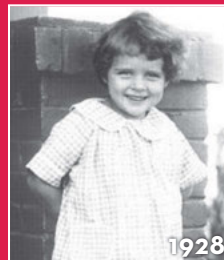
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ALLY SHEEDY ON PLAYING MOM

It's a modern-day look at mothers and daughters when Sheedy and Sofia Black-D'Elia star in the new half-hour dramedy *Single Drunk Female* (Jan. 20 on Freeform). Black-D'Elia plays alcoholic Samantha Fink, who moves back home with her overbearing mother, Carol (Sheedy), after a public flame-out in New York leaves her no other option but to get sober to avoid jail time. "I was drawn to the relationship between Carol and Samantha immediately," says Sheedy, 59. "It's a funny, tense, complicated dynamic. I'm a mother and a daughter . . . and so many notes in the writing rang true for me."



WALTER SCOTT ASKS...

ADRIENNE WARREN

The Tony Award winner for the title role in *Tina: The Tina Turner Musical*, 34, plays another real-life role: Mamie Till-Mobley in *Women of the Movement*, which continues its limited-series run this week (Jan. 20 on ABC; streaming on Hulu). Till-Mobley ignited the civil rights movement as we know it today when, in 1955, she risked her life to find justice after her son Emmett Till was brutally murdered in the Jim Crow South.

Why tell the story of Emmett Till now? This is about informing those who may not have known before, so that we don't continue to perpetuate these cycles hurting young people, which is hurting mothers, which is hurting humanity. We are hurting each other, and we are not seeing each other for who we really are.

Is there more responsibility playing real-life women as opposed to fictional ones? There's so much responsibility in telling stories of people that are here and especially our ancestors, those



that have passed on. Their history is our history. It is an honor to have the opportunity to tell their stories in the best way that I possibly can, and for me, that is erasing myself from the narrative and putting them forward.

Did you do a lot of research for the role? It is literally learning as much as you possibly can about the human being, who they are and presenting that in a way that is as truthful as possible.

What was it like filming in Mississippi? Feeling the dirt that they felt under our feet, being in some of the buildings that they were in, feeling the tension in the environment, in the air that is still there . . . not much has changed since 1955. You can feel the gravity of that, which takes everything that we are doing and elevates it in a way that makes this so unbelievably important because it's about education.

What was her strategy for playing an emotionally painful role? Go to [Parade.com/warren](https://www.parade.com/warren) to find out.

STARS SEEING STARS

The Hollywood Walk of Fame Class of 2022 includes stars from film, television, music and more. Each must be nominated and agree to pay the \$50,000 installment and maintenance fee. Here are some of this year's inductees.



JASON BATEMAN TEASES OZARK'S ENDING

When *Ozark* returns for its fourth season (Jan. 21 on Netflix), it will mark the final chapter in the Byrde family's journey from life in Chicago to their criminal enterprise in the Ozarks. Marty (Bateman) and Wendy Byrde (Laura Linney) have climbed to the top of Omar Navarro's (Felix Solis) empire. When they find an opportunity to get out, some past sins won't stay buried. "I do know where everything is going to end," says Bateman, 53. "I was interested in the big question: Are they going to get away with it, or are they going to pay a bill? I know, and it's great."



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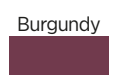
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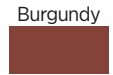
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ASK A RETINA SPECIALIST ABOUT EYLEA.

INDICATIONS

EYLEA® (aflibercept) Injection 2 mg (0.05 mL) is a prescription medicine approved for the treatment of patients with Wet Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD), Macular Edema following Retinal Vein Occlusion (RVO), Diabetic Macular Edema (DME), and Diabetic Retinopathy (DR).

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

EYLEA® (aflibercept) Injection is a prescription medicine administered by injection into the eye. You should not use EYLEA if you have an infection in or around the eye, eye pain or redness, or known allergies to any of the ingredients in EYLEA, including aflibercept.

Injections into the eye with EYLEA can result in an infection in the eye and retinal detachment (separation of retina from back of the eye) can occur. Inflammation in the eye has been reported with the use of EYLEA.

In some patients, injections with EYLEA may cause a temporary increase in eye pressure within 1 hour of the injection. Sustained increases in eye pressure have been reported with repeated injections, and your doctor may monitor this after each injection.

There is a potential but rare risk of serious and sometimes fatal side effects, related to blood clots, leading to heart attack or stroke in patients receiving EYLEA.



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The most common side effects reported in patients receiving EYLEA were increased redness in the eye, eye pain, cataract, vitreous (gel-like substance) detachment, vitreous floaters, moving spots in the field of vision, and increased pressure in the eye.

You may experience temporary visual changes after an EYLEA injection and associated eye exams; do not drive or use machinery until your vision recovers sufficiently.

Contact your doctor right away if you think you might be experiencing any side effects, including eye pain or redness, light sensitivity, or blurring of vision, after an injection.

For additional safety information, please talk to your doctor and see the full Prescribing Information for EYLEA.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch, or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

Please see the Consumer Brief Summary on the adjacent page.

*IBM Truven MarketScan data: Number of injections administered, from Q4 2018 through Q3 2019; Data on File.

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Consumer Brief Summary

This summary contains risk and safety information for patients about EYLEA. It does not include all the information about EYLEA and does not take the place of talking to your eye doctor about your medical condition or treatment.

What is EYLEA?

EYLEA is a prescription medicine that works by blocking vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF). VEGF can cause fluid to leak into the macula (the light-sensitive tissue at the back of the eye responsible for sharp central vision). Blocking VEGF helps reduce fluid from leaking into the macula.

What is EYLEA used for?

EYLEA is indicated for the treatment of patients with:

- Neovascular (Wet) Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD)
- Macular Edema Following Retinal Vein Occlusion (RVO)
- Diabetic Macular Edema (DME)
- Diabetic Retinopathy (DR)

How is EYLEA given?

EYLEA is an injection administered by your eye doctor into the eye. Depending on your condition, EYLEA injections are given on different schedules. Consult with your eye doctor to confirm which EYLEA schedule is appropriate for you.

Who should not use EYLEA?

Do not use EYLEA if you have an infection in or around the eye, eye pain or redness, inflammation in the eye, or are allergic to aflibercept and/or any other ingredients in EYLEA.

What is the most important information I should know about EYLEA?

- EYLEA must only be administered by a qualified eye doctor. Injection into the eye with EYLEA can result in an infection in the eye and retinal detachment (separation of retina from back of the eye) can occur. Inflammation in the eye has been reported with the use of EYLEA. If your eye becomes red, sensitive to light, painful, or develops a change in vision, seek immediate care from an eye doctor
- In some patients, injections with EYLEA may cause a temporary increase in eye pressure within 1 hour of the injection. Sustained increases in eye pressure have been reported with repeated injections, and your eye doctor may monitor this after each injection
- There is a potential but rare risk of serious and sometimes fatal side effects related to blood clots, leading to heart attack or stroke in patients receiving EYLEA
- Serious side effects related to the injection procedure with EYLEA are rare but can occur including infection inside the eye and retinal detachment
- You may experience temporary visual changes after an EYLEA injection and associated eye exams; do not drive or use machinery until your vision recovers sufficiently
- Because EYLEA is composed of large molecules, your body may react to it; therefore, there is a potential for an immune response (allergy-like) in patients treated with EYLEA

What are possible side effects of EYLEA?

EYLEA can cause serious side effects, including

- See important safety information listed under “What is the most important information I should know about EYLEA?”

The most common side effects include

- Increased redness in the eye
- Eye pain
- Cataract
- Vitreous (gel-like substance) detachment
- Vitreous floaters
- Moving spots in the field of vision
- Increased pressure in the eye

There are other possible side effects of EYLEA. For more information, ask your eye doctor.

It is important that you contact your doctor right away if you think you might be experiencing any side effects, including eye pain or redness, light sensitivity, or blurring of vision, after an injection.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch, or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

What should I tell my eye doctor before receiving EYLEA?

- Tell your eye doctor if you have any medical conditions
- Tell your eye doctor if you are pregnant or are planning to become pregnant. It is not known if EYLEA may harm your unborn baby
- Tell your eye doctor if you are breastfeeding. It is not known if EYLEA may harm your baby. You and your eye doctor should decide whether you should be treated with EYLEA or breastfeed, but you should not do both

How is EYLEA supplied?

EYLEA is supplied in a clear, colorless to pale yellow solution. It is provided in a pre-filled glass syringe or glass vial containing the amount of product required for a single injection into the eye, which is 0.05 mL (or 2 mg of the medicine product).

Where can I learn more about EYLEA?

For a more comprehensive review of EYLEA safety and risk information, talk to your health care provider and see the full Prescribing Information at EYLEA.com.

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New Year New Books

Promising debuts, buzzy book club convo starters and a tell-all memoir: Here's what we're looking forward to reading in 2022. —Megan O'Neill Melle

1 In *Olga Dies Dreaming* (Flatiron) by Xochitl Gonzalez, a New York City wedding planner and her politician brother grapple with secrets, their Puerto Rican roots and an absent mother who reappears in the wake of Hurricane Maria. **\$28**

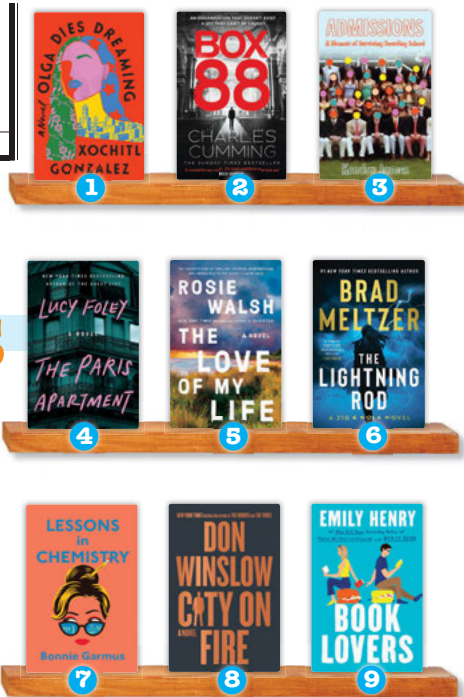
2 Pick up Charles Cumming's *Box 88* (Mysterious Press) for an espionage thriller about a kidnapped spy and a British-U.S. black ops outfit so secret, even the CIA isn't certain it exists. **\$28**

3 In her memoir *Admissions* (Jan. 18, Grand Central Publishing), Kendra James, the first African American legacy student to graduate from the Taft School, offers sharp-witted insights, incisive reflections and an intense indictment of the cutthroat world of elite prep schools. **\$29**

4 As you patiently await season two of *Only Murders in the Building*, cozy up with Lucy Foley's latest whodunit, *The Paris Apartment* (Feb. 22, William Morrow), about a missing brother, his not-so-forthcoming Parisian neighbors and a sister who needs answers. **\$29**

5 What happens when you learn your wife's entire life is a lie? Let Emma explain, but first she'll have to tell you about the other love of her life. That's Rosie Walsh's heartbreaking love story-meets-gripping thriller *The Love of My Life* (March 1, Pamela Dorman Books). **\$28**

6 Brad Meltzer is uncovering the government's most intensely guarded secrets in *The Lightning Rod* (March 8, William



Morrow), where a charismatic crime-solving duo hunts down the killers of an officer in a top-secret military unit. **\$29**

7 It's *The Big Bang Theory* meets *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel* in *Lessons in Chemistry* (April 5, Doubleday), the story of Elizabeth Zott, a 1960s California scientist who reluctantly becomes the star of a beloved TV cooking show. The debut by Bonnie Garmus is already heading to Apple TV+, starring and produced by Captain Marvel's Brie Larson. **\$29**

8 Set among the streets, beaches and New England neighborhood where the author was raised, *City on Fire* (April 26, William Morrow) by Don Winslow begins an ambitious American crime trilogy of two warring criminal empires—one Italian, one Irish—who will destroy each other, an alliance and a city along the way. **\$29**

9 In Emily Henry's *Book Lovers* (May 3, Berkley), Nora Stephens is a high-powered literary agent who decides to take a monthlong trip with her sister to a small North Carolina town. But her work and one brooding NYC editor seem to follow her everywhere. **\$27**

Available in bookstores and online

What America Eats



IRISH-STYLE ONION SOUP

This dark, malty spin on onion soup, adapted from *The Official Guinness Cookbook* by Caroline Hennessy, will warm up the chilliest winter evening. "This is a great dish to make in advance, as the flavors improve overnight," says Hennessy. We agree!

GUINNESS DRAUGHT ONION SOUP WITH IRISH CHEDDAR TOAST

In a large heavy-bottomed saucepan over medium-low, melt 3 Tbsp **butter**. Add 4 **onions** (about 1½ lb), thinly sliced; season well with **sea salt** and **black pepper**. Cook, stirring often, 1 hour or until onions are soft, sticky and deep brown. Stir in 2 Tbsp **all-purpose flour** and 1 tsp **fresh thyme leaves**. Cook, stirring 3–4 minutes.

Whisk in 1 quart **beef stock** and 1 cup **Guinness Draught Stout**. Increase heat to medium-high; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low; simmer 1 hour. Stir in a dash of **Irish whiskey**, if desired; season with salt and pepper to taste. (Make soup up to 2 days ahead; cool and refrigerate.)

Preheat broiler to high.

Spread **baguette** slices with 1 Tbsp **Dijon mustard**. Ladle soup into 4 oven-proof bowls. Top each with 1 slice baguette. Sprinkle evenly with 1 cup grated **Irish cheddar cheese** (such as Kerrygold). Broil 4–5 minutes or until bread is toasted and cheese is melted and bubbling. Serve immediately.

Serves 4.

Go to [Parade.com/stout](https://www.parade.com/stout) for 12 more sweet and savory recipes using Guinness stout.

Happy Birthday. BETTY!

As Betty White prepares to celebrate her milestone 100th birthday, we celebrate the life of a true TV icon.

By Mara Reinstein

A CENTURY OF LIVING

With her six Emmy Awards (five Primetime; one Daytime), a 1995 induction into the Television Academy Hall of Fame and the SAG Life Achievement Award (2010), White is one of most popular, lauded and talented actresses in the history of Hollywood. But, says Richmond, “the fact that she’s made it to 100 makes her a true legend.” Check out White through her many ages and stages.

2 White and her parents move from suburban Illinois to Los Angeles. She’s said she always considers herself a California girl.

17 She graduates from Beverly Hills High School. Her classmates vote her “Best-Looking Female.”



27 She makes her TV series debut on Al Jarvis’ daily live variety show *Hollywood on Television* in 1949.

31 Two years after the premiere of *I Love Lucy*, White does her own version of the 1950s housewife in the sitcom *Life With Elizabeth*, co-starring with **Del Moore** and garnering her first Emmy nomination.



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She hosts and produces her own daily variety show, *The Betty White Show* (1954).



41 She marries **Password** TV host **Allen Ludden** in 1963. They were together until his death in 1981 of stomach cancer. Though they never had kids, she has three stepchildren from Ludden’s previous marriage.



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1967

First you must go back to Oak Park, Ill., on Jan. 17, 1922. That’s when electrical engineer Horace White and his homemaker wife, Tess, welcomed their bouncing baby girl named Betty. Little did they realize their only child would grow up to be the hilarious First Lady of Television with an amazing decades-spanning career—and live to see her 100th birthday.

“She’s like the love child of Mister Rogers and the Energizer Bunny with a vintage chardonnay,” says Ray Richmond, author of the new book *Betty White: 100 Remarkable Moments in an Extraordinary Life*. White, of course, also happens to be beloved by the masses, thanks to the charming self-deprecating wit that she’s displayed in everything from 1960s game shows to *Hot in Cleveland*.

What will she be doing on her 100th birthday? “I’ll be ‘lunching’ with Robert Redford [her heartthrob] and then ... I’ll spend it with as many animals as I can round up,” she tells *Parade*. “My pets have all passed on now and I haven’t taken in anyone new because at my age I don’t want to leave anyone behind. But I miss having a friend with a leg on each corner.” She attributes her long life and career to “good luck,” saying, “I don’t think I had anything to do with it!”

But we know better. Here’s a tribute to all things Betty in honor of her grand milestone.

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49 An animal lover since childhood, White creates, writes and hosts *The Pet Set*, which features both wild animals and her friends' own pets. She still works closely with the L.A. chapter of the ASPCA and the guide dog school the Seeing Eye.

51 White enters the Emmy-winning sitcom *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* as ultra-feisty Sue Ann Nivens in 1973. Her time on the show led to two Emmys for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series.

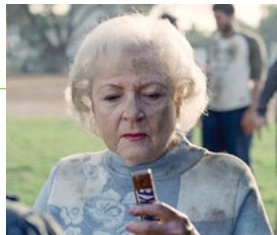


61 She becomes the first woman to win a Daytime Emmy for Outstanding Game Show Host (1983 for *Just Men!*).

63 White makes her debut as daffy Rose Nylund in the 1985–92 NBC sitcom *The Golden Girls* alongside Rue McClanahan, Bea Arthur and Estelle Getty. She was originally asked to play frisky Blanche, but producers suggested she and McClanahan switch roles.



82 She's foul-mouthed criminal Catherine Piper in the final season of the Emmy-winning legal series *The Practice*. White goes on to appear as the character in 16 episodes of the spinoff *Boston Legal* from 2005 to 2008.



88 A football-playing White makes a funny cameo in a **Snickers commercial** that airs during Super Bowl XLIV.

TALKIN' 'BOUT BETTY

So, what's it really like working with—and befriending—an icon? Her co-stars Marie Osmond (*Maybe This Time*, 1995–96) and Valerie Bertinelli (*Hot in Cleveland*, 2010–15) fill us in.

FAVORITE MEMORY

Osmond: “On the set of *Maybe This Time* during a break, I started choking just as Betty’s assistant walked in and handed her a drink of ‘water.’ I asked Betty if I could have a sip. She put her hand over her glass, winked and said, ‘Oh, honey, you don’t want my water,’ and we both cracked up. All I can say is at 100 years old, keep drinking that water!”

Bertinelli: “Absolutely everything! She is drop-dead funny. She is also one of the kindest people I’ve ever known.”



With Osmond and Ashley Johnson on *Maybe This Time* and with Bertinelli on *Hot in Cleveland*



FAVORITE PERFORMANCE

Osmond: “It’s actually two—Sue Ann Nivens on *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* and Rose Nylund on *The Golden Girls*. They are so completely and utterly different. You watch her as one and can’t imagine her as the other. To utterly embody these two completely different women?! I mean, such comic range!”

Bertinelli: “Hands down, it’s Sue Ann Nivens. Betty’s innate kindness is really what made the character so perfect and such a full character.”

WHAT MAKES HER SUCH A GIFTED COMEDIAN?

Osmond: “She has impeccable comedic timing and amazing acting skills. When you combine that with her love of her craft, it makes Betty a true star.”

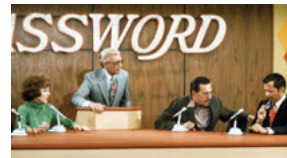
Bertinelli: “She’s very smart and a great listener.”

Betty Onscreen

The woman who first appeared on a TV way back in February 1939—it was an experimental television transmission in a Packard automobile dealership in downtown Los Angeles—has racked up countless memorable moments on-screen. Here are five of White’s greatest hits.

1. TOTALLY GAME

Betty and husband Allen Ludden couple up on the Password episode of *The Odd Couple* on Dec. 1, 1972. (Paramount+)



2. SHE’S GONNA MAKE IT AFTER ALL

White makes her first appearance as the man-crazy, tart-tongued Sue Ann Nivens (aka “The Happy Homemaker”) in “The Lars Affair” installment of *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* (Sept. 15, 1973). She soon became a regular on the show. (Amazon Prime Video)



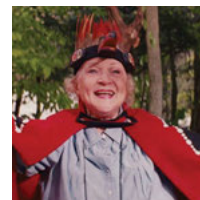
3. A ROSE IS A ROSE

In a Dec. 14, 1985, episode of *The Golden Girls* (titled “A Little Romance”), White’s good-hearted and innocent Rose Nylund falls for a guy who can’t commit because she isn’t Jewish. (Hulu)



4. IT’S ALL RELATIVE

As Grandma Annie in the 2009 romantic comedy *The Proposal*, she proves that she can be as effective on a big screen as the small one. (Peacock)



5. LIVE FROM NEW YORK! At age 88, White is the oldest person ever tapped to host *Saturday Night Live* after a fan-fueled social media campaign catches fire. The May 2010 episode generates *SNL*’s highest ratings in 18 months—and White earns an Emmy for her trouble. (YouTube)



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90 She wins a Grammy for Best Spoken-Word Album for the audio version of her book *If You Ask Me (And of Course You Won't)* in 2012. White has authored seven books in all, including two about her love of animals.

91 On a 2013 episode of *Hot in Cleveland*, she reunites with former co-stars Mary Tyler Moore, **Cloris Leachman**, **Valerie Harper** and **Georgia Engel**. (Alas, they've all since passed.)



95 In 2018, on the eve of her 96th birthday, she tells *Parade* that her secret to longevity is vodka and hot dogs.



100 You can celebrate White's birthday on Jan. 17 when *Betty White: 100 Years Young—A Birthday Celebration* will be shown in more than 900 movie theaters across the country (fathomevents.com). The revealing glimpse into the TV icon's life features special guests—including Robert Redford, Clint Eastwood, Carol Burnett and Valerie Bertinelli—who will share memories and toasts.

Visit Parade.com/betty for more vintage photos of the TV icon.

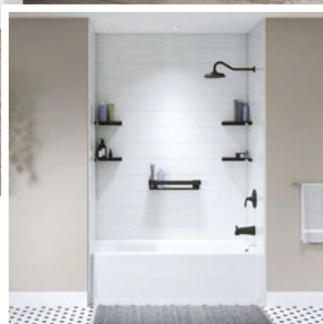
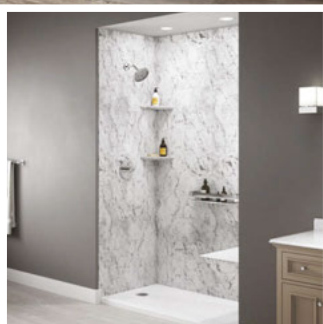
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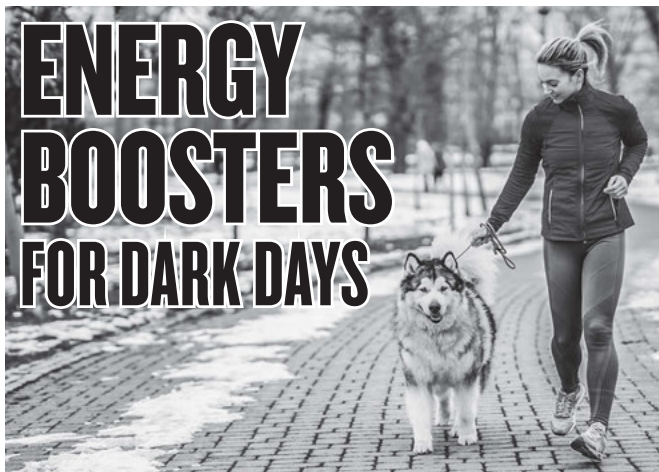
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Stay Healthy



How to get moving and eat right this winter

By Lambeth Hochwald

The dark days of winter may be cozy, but they're also the time of year when it's easier to hit the snooze button on your phone or alarm clock than meet a friend for an early morning walk. Turns out there's an interesting reason for this: Cold winter days generally mean less sunlight, which supplies us with vitamin D. The lower our vitamin D levels, the lower our fitness levels, according to a study published in the *European Journal of Preventive Cardiology*.

Still, there's no reason we can't defy the odds this winter season and be our healthiest selves. Read on as our experts share some innovative nutrition tips and clever ways to boost your energy—even if you have a condition like diabetes—as the mercury drops.

Balance your plate To help manage your blood sugar levels and eat better in general, stay hydrated and eat consistently throughout the day, suggests registered dietitian Kim Pierce, a certified diabetes care and education specialist at Cleveland Clinic.

"To avoid snack attacks, don't go over five hours without eating," Pierce says. "Then, when you do sit down to eat a meal, focus on the 'plate method,' meaning your plate should be filled with

one-fourth carbs, one-fourth protein and one-half non-starchy vegetables, such as salad, broccoli, asparagus and green beans."

Snack smart It also helps if your favorite snacks are healthy, simple to make and low in carbs, says Joy Bauer, the *Today* show's nutrition and health expert. "I love making my fiesta lime popcorn, as this snack is flavorful and low in calories," she says. "Popcorn is a whole grain and

the cheese adds some protein, which, when paired together with fiber, can help offset the carbs."

Bauer also snacks on DIY rosemary spiced walnuts and tortilla pizza. "The walnuts are toasty and tasty and they deliver omega-3 fats, which can help protect heart health," she says. "And pizza . . . need I say more? This one is cheesy and easy-breezy." Tip: Choose a low-carb wrap (like Tumaros) to keep carbs under control, Bauer says. Go to [Parade.com/bauer](https://www.parade.com/bauer) for recipes.

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- Take a walk during sunny hours
- Consume fish such as swordfish or salmon
- Look for vitamin-D-enhanced yogurt or a nutritional shake
- Eat a good breakfast of D-rich eggs or fortified cereal

Try not to self-sabotage

Sometimes we're our own biggest barrier to getting the exercise we need to boost our energy and mood. "For example, imagine it's a chilly winter morning and you're sleeping cozy and warm in bed. Suddenly the alarm rings and it's time to get up a half hour earlier to get in a quick workout before your day gets busy," says Chris Gagliardi, scientific education content manager for the American Council on Exercise (ACE). "This is the moment when the voice in your head starts to think, *It's so cold out and it's warm and cozy in bed. Let's just stay right here under these covers for just a little longer.* The next thing you know, you've overslept by two hours and are now running late and feeling extra stressed."

Instead, practice positive self-talk and focus on how happy you'll feel when you accomplish that goal of walking the dog just a little bit farther than the day before, or even training for a spring 5K, Gagliardi says.

Be prepared As they say in Norway, there's no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothes, says Jack Raglin, Ph.D., a professor in the Department of Kinesiology at Indiana University Bloomington's School of Public Health. "That's why preparation is key," he says. "One way to do this is to check the weather forecast and put out your gear the night before. It's a reminder that can make it harder to skip out on that workout."

Make movement a habit. The outdoor or workout clothes are ready, you have a plan for walking to the post office instead of driving—these help change your attitude and perception about being active. "If you do this, before long you'll actually start to see yourself as an active person who seeks out movement," Raglin says.

CREATIVE WAYS TO GET MOVING

Here are some ideas from Gagliardi and the ACE team.

STAIR CHALLENGE Do 5 minutes of running up/walking down a flight of steps.

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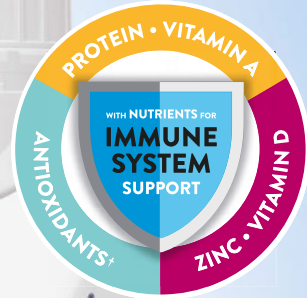
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